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Know Thy Enemies

By Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

If there are any readers who, after witnessing the religious hate-fest at the Republican National Convention, have any doubt that we have dangerous enemies out there — listen up!!! Rarely have I had an assignment which provides me with such an embarrassment of riches...I have material for years... To those who would discount the strength of religious fundamentalists, the zeal of the righteous, the lengths to which they will go to prevail...I have a few examples for you....Beirut, Iran, Iraq, Northern Ireland, Hitler's Germany, pogroms, purges, the Crusades, the Inquisition — to recall just a few... With that in mind, my first selection is the Big Daddy of down home religion, that folksy huckster of holiness Pat Robertson...In spite of his "up by the bootstraps" public relations, Robertson was born to money and privilege, is a graduate of the Yale School of Law and is an astute political organizer, especially since he has focused on a captive religious audience. Robertson's grass-roots political arm, the Christian Coalition is playing hardball politics across the country — more about them in later columns... Note-worthy are Robertson's views as reported in the Aug. 17, 1992 L. A. Times, on a proposed equal rights amendment to the state constitution in Iowa. Robertson denounced the ERA as a part of the "feminist agenda," which he characterized as "a socialist, anti-family political movement that encourages women to leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians." Yeah Pat, that's the story of

MY life all right — and boy does all that stuff just wear me out! Another person you should know about is Pastor Peter J. Peters. He says, "There is only one thing that will stop the perversion in our land and that is God's Law and it's about

should be carried in the good ol' biblical way — by stoning....hence his reference to the "big rock party..." Peters has an Eastern Camp in West Virginia and conducts the Rocky Mountain Bible Camp. His organization is called Scriptures

Christian Right has declared war on abortion, homosexuality, gun control, welfare, taxes, immigration, regulation, the Endangered Species Act and public education. In this view, these Satanic-like forces have somehow conspired to

can party can be cultivated to assist us in our objectives. That can be done by trading support for their candidates. This conservative/Christian coalition can an will dominate Republican party politics for years to come." How right he was!!! It just danced across our TV screens at the Republican convention and then the President of the U.S. danced to their tune at the big Christian Congress which was held in Dallas right after the Republican Convention... Fundamentalists are now being advised to cultivate Democrats and to join the Democratic party and win elected and appointed seats in order to take over the party and "rescue" it from homosexuals! In closing I want to leave you with a quote from the man who gets my vote for Fuzzy Logician of the Month. Larry Sims, Republican Convention delegate from Alabama said, "That Woody Allen ought to be castrated. We still believe things like homosexual acts and this escapade of Woody Allen are not acceptable." Yeah Larry....but are they related??? Should we be castrating homosexuals too? How will we manage that with the er, ah, um, women homosexuals? Can we talk??? Ciao until next month...Marghe.▼



Photo by Brian Ashby

time someone says it." So he wrote a booklet entitled "Death Penalty for Homosexuals is Prescribed in the Bible." Peters predicts that "When the truth contained in this booklet is embraced by society, and it will be, there's going to be a big rock party held in behalf of the perverts and their allies." Pastor Peters is just an old sentimentalist and feels that the death penalty

for America and is located in LaPorte, Colorado. Peters also has a Thursday short wave radio pro-

undermine the America of our Founding Fathers." Sara and company will be running candidates for

"Death Penalty for Homosexuals..." Pastor Peter J. Peters

gram and has booklets and tapes for sale. Another of his booklets is entitled "The Inadvertent Confession of A Jew." In it Peters creates a web of Jewish conspiracy worthy of Goebbels. He concludes that Jews are responsible for America's problems and that they must either leave America or be killed if America and Christianity are to survive. The folks in Los Angeles have to live with the reality of Sara Hardman, head of California's Christian Coalition — her group has been organizing a takeover of the Los Angeles School Board with the eradication of Project 10 and Virginia Uribe first on the agenda. Sara says, "The

the school board and are supporting candidates in other races. It's imperative that candidates be questioned closely about their religious affiliations and their political agendas — even if they're just running for the Water District...(and have no doubt about it they WILL be). The goal is to CONTROL the infrastructure... Charles Phillips in "The Blue Book for Grassroots Politics," states the necessity of winning elections make imperative Christian participation in one of the two major parties. The Republican Party is the logical choice for Christian participation in this decade...the conservative influence in the Republi-

Advocate Sex Ads End

The Advocate, a national gay and lesbian magazine, is discontinuing sex ads so they will attract mainstream advertisers.

Starting in October, Liberation Publications will put the sex ads in a new magazine, The Advocate Classifieds, an every-other-weekly that will be sold on newsstands and sent free to subscribers unless they opt not to receive it.

Personals and 900-number phone-sex lines have been a major source of ad revenues.

The Advocate's move puts the magazine on more even footing with Genre and Out, sex-ad-free gay lifestyle magazines that have successfully received mainstream advertisers.

Philip Morris USA is taking an ad in Genre this November, the first time a cigarette marketer has bought space in a national gay publication. The Gap's Banana Republic plans to advertise in Out.

The Advocate for years has carried some general-market ads promoting liquor, Carillon Importers Absolut vodka, movies and music.

The Advocate in June tried to appease advertisers and readers by grouping sex ads in a section that had to be removed to be read.

Effective with its 25th anniversary issue of Oct. 6, the magazine will remove that section in what it called "the final stage of a two year 'mainstreaming' plan."▼

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Bank Manager Responds

The Following letter was sent by Joe Bradley, Manager of Firts Interstate Bank to Assemblyman Phil Isenberg.

Dear Assemblyman Isenberg:

Thank you for your letter and for sharing your concerns about our decision to reduce the operating hours for our ATM. Please be assured that this decision was made reluctantly since we are strongly aware of the importance of ATM access in providing service to our depositors and it is not in our best interest to inconvenience customers. However, in light of the growing national concern about safety of ATM patrons and the circumstances that we were confronting, we believe our decision was both reasonable and prudent.

The following will help you understand our dilemma.

Jan. 3, 1991 - Wayne Perron is found in our parking lot suffering from gunshot wounds. He remains unconscious and in critical condition.

Feb. 11, 1991 - A 34 year old woman is accosted, raped and beaten in our parking lot. Her identity has been withheld for her protection.

March 1, 1991 - The bank is advised by Sacramento Police officer Jim Barclay at a meeting with several bank officials that in his opinion the bank's ATM machine should be closed permanently and the bank's Parking lot should be fixed so that it could be locked at night. The reason given was the high incidence of crime in the area.

March 15, 1991 - Vincent Blades is stabbed to death less than one block from the bank.

At that point we felt compelled to act and made the necessary improvements to the parking lot to allow us to secure it in the evenings and reduced the hours of ATM operation. Alternatives such as relocating the ATM were examined but were not feasible at this location.

As you can well imagine we are very sensitive to the issues being raised and the attributions being offered for our actions. Our specific actions are in no way discriminatory against any group be they members of the gay community or of the Methodist Church that had previously used our parking lot on Sundays. We have continued to monitor the situation and have been provided the following information on recent crime activity in the four square block area around the bank from April 1, 1992 through July 27, 1992:

- 6 Armed robberies
- 8 Strong-arm robberies
- 6 Purse snatchings
- 5 Armed robberies at businesses
- 2 ATM related robberies

Additionally, the police have informed us that their original recommendation of closing both facilities remains unchanged.

As Manager of this branch office, I am eager to achieve a strong and vibrant midtown community. However, that cannot take precedence over the safety of our customers, employees, and patrons, but; this does not signify that we will not continue to review the situation for any sign that we can safely operate the ATM.

Please call or write if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,
Joe L. Bradley
Vice President & Manager

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Non-Intervening Republicans

Dear Editor:

I read with interest, and eventual anger at, the letter from Bob Reid (Republican, Now Democrat!) in your August 15, 1992, edition. Mr. Reid, in his letter, acknowledges his homosexuality after 16 years of marriage and, in atonement, denounces the Republican Party for which he worked as a professional for numerous years.

Though I appreciate the difficulty one faces in accepting ones sexual orientation, especially when one result is to terminate a relationship of 16 years, I no longer appreciate the lectures of "former" conservatives or Republican officials who "see the light" as they come out of the closet and decide to step forward to educate our community as to political correctness.

It is due to people such as Mr. Reid and his participation within the Deukmejian administration that the religious right controls the Republican Party today. There is no argument to Mr. Reid's contention that the Republican Party no longer addresses the issues (he) cares about. Why should they? The Bob Reids of the world acquiesced to the theocratic direction of the Republican Party by their conscious non-intervention. Did Mr. Reid communicate his disgust at the Deukmejian/Wilson vetoes of AB1? I sincerely doubt it.

And to switch political parties in memory of one's late father and in the spirit of a friend is a disgusting way to apologize for having been a partner in creating what the Republican Party is today.

I could and would admire Mr. Reid were he to take the risk that I, my lover Paul Johnson and friend Dick Wright did up here in El Dorado County by running for Republican County Central Committee and defeating three (3) religious right incumbents. That the Republican Party has changed does not make me any less a republican. The party changed and I WILL NOT vote for their candidates. If I consider myself to be a traditional "Goldwater Republican," it is incumbent upon me and others to take our party back from those who wish to make a mockery of republican philosophy and tenants. I only wish Mr. Reid would accept his responsibility to our - and now his - gay and lesbian community by working to change a Republican Party which he helped create.

Sincerely,
Kevin W. Wadsworth

CAPPAC Endorsements

Dear Editor:

This is a watershed year for the lesbian and gay community. We can make a difference in the November general election. This is a critical year. Some of our strongest friends are running for office, but so are some of our worst enemies.

Our friends need our help. If we join together to pool our collective strength we can help elect champions for lesbian and gay rights.

CAP/PAC has endorsed the following candidates:

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- Vic Fazio, 3rd Congressional District
- Patricia Malborg, 4th Congressional District
- Robert Matsui, 5th Congressional District
- Tom Romero, State Senate District 1
- Patrick Johnston, State Senate District 5

- Mark Norberg, State Assembly District 4
- Joan Barry, State Assembly District 5
- Philip Isenberg, State Assembly District 9

Endorsements are pending in the Presidential race, the Sacramento City Council District 8 race, the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors District 3 and District 4 races, the 11th Congressional District race, and the State Assembly District 8 and District 10 races.

CAP/PAC gave more than \$13,000 during 1991 and in the primaries and we have already contributed more than \$2,500 in this upcoming general election. But, we need to do more.

Now is the time. CAP/PAC is your political action committee. With your support we can provide the winning edge in November. Don't wait. How sad it would be to look back after November and say to yourself, "I wish I had done more."

Please write a check or make a pledge today. Make Checks payable to CAP/PAC 1008 10th Street, Suite 255, Sacramento, CA 95814, ID# 880974

Sincerely,
Carolyn Langenkamp
Co-Chair
Tom Burns
Co-Chair

Light Up Our Pride

Dear Editor

The Lambda Players is the theatrical representative for the Sacramento lesbian and gay community. It is the only full season theatre company dedicated to producing plays of importance to our community and has successfully filled this role for the last three years. There has never been a major fundraising campaign for the Lambda Players. With careful budgetary planning and your consistent support, there has never been a need - until now.

As the lambda players strive to increase the quality of artistic expression, the technical demands grow. The move to the YWCA theatre this season will allow for larger audiences and better productions, but to perform there, lighting equipment is needed. The Lambda Players wishes to invest in purchasing equipment rather than throwing money away on rentals. We have set a goal of raising \$5,000 by September 1st.

Please give what you can. This is not a monthly pledge, but a one time donation to this campaign to help us invest in the future of the Lambda Players, and the future of the pride of the Sacramento gay and lesbian community. Send donations to Lambda Players, PO Box 163654, Sacramento, CA 95816

Sincerely,
Neil Treganza
Founder, Lambda Players

Appointments Work

Dear Editor

Thank you for promoting the "Vacancy Announcements" in your paper.

As a result of seeing them, I applied for and was appointed as a member of The Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council.

Thanks again,
Jayne Rountree

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Civil Rights Bill OK -Without Gays

By Marghe Covino
OF MGW STAFF

The state's civil rights bill, AB 3825, authored by Willie Brown, (D-San Francisco), cleared Senate Appropriations Monday — but only with the proviso that the measure exclude gay rights.

The bill provides a broad range of legal protections against discrimination for many minority groups. The bill had been rejected in an Aug. 10 hearing in Senate Appropriations but reversed itself on Monday when the provisions

gay Hispanic group that they should be ashamed to bring "that gay bill" to his office.

"I'm all for civil rights," Ayala said, "I'm proud of my heritage. But I resent the fact that I am associated with homosexuals in the bill." Ironically, Ayala voted for the bill after it was amended thus keeping the bill alive. Supporters of the bill can now attempt to reinstate the sexual orientation provisions either on the Senate floor or in a joint conference committee.

Harry Snyder of the West Coast Consumer's Union said, "This bill

lar provision which included rights for gays and lesbians."

According to McBride, the bill will now go to the Senate floor for a vote in its truncated form. It will then go to the Assembly which will probably not concur with the Senate amendments — the bill will then be referred to a conference committee made up of members of both houses — they are expected to add the sexual orientation language back into the bill and it will then go to both houses for a final vote.

If, at any time, the bill runs into further trouble over the sexual orientation provisions, McBride said the coalition of groups supporting the bill have agreed to let the bill die rather than have it pass without the protections for gays and lesbians. ▼

"threw a contingent of Hispanic gays out..."

from the vetoed AB 101 bill were removed from the bill.

The motion to amend the bill was made by Sen. Ruben Ayala, D-Chino, who later said he didn't want sexual orientation provisions included with anti-discrimination provisions for minority groups.

Despite the fact that Willie Brown and the groups supporting the bill opposed the change Ayala was adamant. He allegedly threw a contingent of Hispanic gays out of his office and told another, non-

will not be put on the Governor's desk without the protections for gays and lesbians being inserted." Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, describes Ayala as "bitingly homophobic."

She said he did what the coalition of supporters had been unable to do — "he moved it out of that committee knowing full well that those provisions will be put back in. He just didn't care as long as he didn't have to vote for that particu-

AB 2601 Passes — By One Vote

by Marghe Covino
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The gay right-to-work bill, AB 2601, authored by Assemblymember Terry Friedman, (D - Los Angeles) passed the Senate by a 22-11 vote on Monday, Aug. 24.

The bill bans discrimination in employment for gays and lesbians and enacts into law court decisions which Gov. Pete Wilson referred to as the "protections in place."

Those existing court protections were the alleged reasons for Wilson's veto of AB 101 which banned discrimination in both housing and employment. Friedman took the objections in the Governor's veto of his AB 101 and sculpted the provisions of AB 2601, even adding exemptions for small businesses with under five employees and non-profit religious organizations which are not currently provided by the court decisions.

"There is simply no reason for this bill to be vetoed," said Laurie McBride, Executive Director of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality, "it answers all of the Governor's concerns — it's better than the Governor's policies, it's everything he espouses and more. The same non-discriminatory standards that apply for women and minorities in the workplace should apply to us," McBride said. The bill has gone back to the Assembly for approval of minor Senate amendments on Wednesday, Aug. 26, where it expected to pass with little or no debate and will be on the Governor's desk by the end of the week. ▼

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Letters From Under The Dome

By Veronica Bianco
Guest Writer

Rumors, rumors and more rumors are the currency at the Capitol these days, the most persistent being about Gov. Pete Wilson's reluctance to go to the Republican Convention in Houston. The story goes that he assured President Bush that he's support the party platform and help to hold the line on the abortion issue — this after he's taken a pro-choice stance... Some folks opine that it's safer for him to send messages from afar and try to avoid a flip-flop image therefore expect him to make a big budget move sometime during the convention....Others are angry with him for holding up the budget and making the Reps. look bad...One staffer observed, "What Wilson is doing to California is just as bad as Bush being ready to bomb the shit out of a small country to gain some political advantage... Whadda guy!" Oh well, it's understandable...tempers are short, staffers are the ones bearing the brunt of it, working overtime for no money and getting no thanks for it — it's 107 degrees and EVERYTHING feels FRIED!!!... Last week when homo-hating Assemblymember Gil Ferguson rose on the Assembly floor to make his big pitch to allow the Boy Scouts to discriminate against gays, he raised his hand saying, "I am raising three fingers in a salute to the Boy Scouts." One very dignified member of a gay lobby had gallery-watchers in hysterics as she solemnly raised one finger — "in a salute to Gil Ferguson...." Not to worry — he was never going to talk to you anyway! Speaking of gay lobbies, did you know that the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force will be interviewing Laurie McBride, Executive Director of California's Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) for the top spot vacated by Urvashi Vaid. McBride will be going to Washington, D.C. for interviews on the 26th, 27th and 28th.... New T-shirts depicting the GOP elephant with the saying, "This Is Your Brain On Drugs," has some Capitol staffers giggling...Speaking of which...can you BELIEVE that whole discussion about correcting biblical statements and arguing over the NIV versus the King James version of the Bible...all taking place during the national Republican Party Platform debate??? Don't tell ME the radical fundamentalists haven't taken over the party!!! Some gay legislation watchers are worried because Willie Brown's Omnibus Civil Rights Bill is in trouble. They say they don't want the provisions of AB 101, which are included in the bill, to be blamed for the bill's failure. In the meantime the bill is on hold in Senate Appropriations at least until Aug. 24 — they may pull it out yet...but then it's got to hit the Guv's desk — and we all know what a set of smoke and mirrors THAT is... Speaking of S & M (smoke and mirrors, that is) one Capitol staffer has been keeping an eye on this school voucher stuff which is getting sooooo much support from these right wing fundies who've been so anxious to wipe out any mention of gays and lesbians in public school curricula...So OUR tax money is being used to subsidize a new generation of bigots...The staffer says, "They HAVE to have their own schools — because anyone who goes through public school usually grows up to become a Democrat — it's the private school people who grow up to become Republicans..." Hey, I don't make these things up — but I DO listen to some of these theories — 'cause where these fundie-folk are concerned...listening to THEM is like stepping through the looking glass — sort of a psycho-dialectic experience... Intrigue and disinformation is hitting an IMPORTANT Bay Area campaign... Seems that Queer Nation is being blamed for approaching the candidate's campaign manager and threatening to "out" him. But the word is...that the Fundies have been dying to do the "outing" and have found QN a convenient scapegoat — so they dressed up one of their little Naz-oids in QN garb and made their threats... Stay tuned...See you next month...In Pride, Roni.....▼

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Jayne Rountree - Natoma Community Planning

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and others...



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Advisory Board on Alcohol and Drug Problems		Open Filing	1 youth member
Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities	8/24/92	9/4/92	1 general member
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Area 4 Agency on Aging Building Standards Board		Open Filing	1 general member
Carmichael Community Planning Advisory Board		Open Filing	1 general member
Children's Commission		Open Filing	1 resident
Commission on Aging		Open Filing	1 consumer youth
Cordova Community Planning Advisory Council		Open Filing	5 residents (55+)
Cosumnes Area Community Planning Advisory Council		Open Filing	2 residents of area
County Service Area #4B (Wilton-Cosumnes)		Open Filing	3 residents of area
Developmental Disabilities Planning Council		Open Filing	1 resident of area
Elk Grove Community Planning Advisory Council		Open Filing	2 seats
Franklin/Laguna Area Comm. Planning Advisory Council		Open Filing	3 residents of area
Galt-Armo Cemetery District Law Library		Open Filing	2 residents of area
Master Plan Advisory Body for Alcohol/Drug Problems		Open Filing	1 attorney
Maternal, Child & Adolescent Health Advisory Board		Open Filing	2 members
Mental Health Advisory Board		Open Filing	3 seats
Mental Health Advisory Board		Open Filing	4 seats
Mission Oaks Rec. & Park Dist.		Open Filing	1 resident of area
Natomas Community Planning Advisory Council		Open Filing	1 resident of area
Noise Control Hearing Board		Open Filing	1 public member
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Volunteer Drive Enlists 258 New Members

Vicki McIntee, Sacramento Area Canvass Supervisor for the Human Rights Campaign Fund, led her crew of volunteers to sign up 258 new members into HRCF's Speak Out program at Sacramento Pride and during the month of June. This contributed to the more than 30,000 new members who signed up across the United States.

"Vicki is our first on-going Speak Out volunteer in Sacramento. In just a few short months, she has become an invaluable asset to our program," says Tom Swift, National Canvass Coordinator for the program.

Speak Out is the most successful grassroots mobilization in the history of the lesbian and gay rights movement. Participants sign up to send overnight messages to their federal legislatures on lesbian and gay civil rights, AIDS, Woman's health issues such as breast and cervical cancer research and prevention, and reproductive choice.

At over 100 pride events across the United States 30,000 new members signed up for HRCF's Speak Out program. From pride events in Portland, Oregon to Portland, Maine, individuals committed to fight conservative, right wing, ho-

mophobic zealots by sending grassroots mail to their Senators and Representatives on Capitol Hill.

Speak Out was created three years ago to allow individuals to have an impact on the federal level. The program involves people in the political process and ensures that their voices heard on Capitol Hill every time a critical vote comes up which affects the lesbian and gay community.

Swift states that "Senators and representatives receive Speak Out messages from their constituents and they almost always respond to each and every piece with a personal letter. They are realizing the strength and importance of our community and of our opinion." This allows members to monitor how their representatives are voting and why.

Speak Out members are also members of HRCF and receive newsletters and updates on federal legislation, candidates, and other important issues.

If you or your organization are interested in meeting new people, attending lesbian and gay events, getting involved in your community, and working on national issues, call Tom, 1-800-777-HRCF.▼

RCDC Awards Dinner Slated For National Coming Out Day

The River City Democratic Club will hold their annual awards dinner on Sunday night, October 11, in the Grand Ballroom at the Radison Hotel. This year's event will take place on National Coming Out Day. The theme will be "Feeling Good ... Together".

The featured speaker will be Dave Pallone, author of "Behind the Mask ... My Double Life in Baseball". Pallone's book, which chronicles his own coming out story while working as an umpire in major league baseball, was a national bestseller. Pallone has appeared on

numerous national talk shows and is a popular motivational speaker.

The program will also include a salute to the late Stan Hadden, special video footage featuring pictures direct from Washington, D.C. of the AIDS Quilt (on display Oct. 9-11 in the capital), and presentations honoring members of the community.

Tickets to the event are \$45 and can be reserved by calling dinner chairman Mark Hoffmann at 361-2051, or Co-Chair Michael Boyd at 448-2383.▼

Lambda Fundraising Changes Name

The Lambda Community Center's 1200 Club is now the Lambda Future Fund. The 1200 Club began as the 800 Club in 1986, when the Center opened its doors and rent for the building was \$800 a month. In 1990 the name changed to the 1200 Club, following the increase in rent.

Today, the needs of The Center and the Sacramento lesbian and gay community have grown beyond simply paying the rent and keeping

the lights on.

New Programs (such as Lambda Youth Services, which now offers gay and lesbian youth a weekly "safe space" as well as movie nights, dances and picnics), are being developed and existing ones expanded.

If you aren't already a member, show your commitment to the future of our community and send in your pledge today. Contact John or Josie for details at 442-0185.▼

Awards Dinner Set

The Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission is preparing for its 9th Annual Awards Dinner and Presentation to be held on Thursday, September 17, at the Sacramento Hilton, at 6 pm. Dick Cable, Co-anchor, KXTV Channel 10 is the featured keynote speaker.

Each year the awards dinner attracts over 300 people from the diverse communities of Sacramento. The annual event provides the Commission an opportunity to

recognize and acknowledge the valuable contributions of individuals and groups who are working to lessen discrimination, prejudice, and racism.

Human Rights Awards will be presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses who have made significant contributions to the Sacramento community. Tickets can be purchased at 2131 Capitol Avenue, Suite 206, or by calling 444-6903, Ext. 132.▼

Gay Run '92 Scheduled

Gay Run '92, sponsored by the San Francisco Front Runners is coming to the Polo Fields in Golden Gate Park on October 11.

The event begins at 9 am and is noted for its energy, rapport, vigor and camaraderie. Gay Run '92 this year will include a 5K, 10K, a 5K Walk, and for the second year a 5K Pet Walk is added. There are several age group divisions in each event and medals in gold, silver, and bronze are given for the top three men and women in each section.

Gay Run '92 is raising funds this year for PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support). They provide a unique way to assist people with HIV and AIDS by helping with pet

care when the owner is unable.

Gay Run '92 will be followed by a picnic-celebration for all participants following the event at which time the awards ceremony will take place. Information: 415-431-6832, 64B Castro St., SF. CA 94114.▼

Artist/Craftspeople Wanted

The First Annual Lambda Fund/SLCC Holiday Crafts Faire is seeking artists and craftspeople for their upcoming Holiday Crafts Faire on December 5th.

The Crafts Faire will take place from 10 am to 4 pm at the YWCA building, and will offer the sale of quality handmade crafts from the gay and lesbian community as well

UCLA AIDS Course Begins

"AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases: The Modern Plague," a UCLA Extension course emphasizing the interdisciplinary debate surrounding AIDS and other diseases, meets on 12 Monday evenings, September 21, thru December 7, 7-10 p.m., in Room 2760 Boelter Hall, UCLA.

This UCLA undergraduate biology course, opened up to the general public, has typically featured an equal mix of UCLA and UCLA Extension students.

The instructor is Roger Bohman, PhD, an instructor and senior research associate in UCLA's Department of Biology. Just days before the start of the class, he returns from a one-month stay in Tanzania and Kenya for informal tracking of the epidemiology of AIDS in Africa.

Among the many topics to be discussed are research findings announced at the recent international AIDS conference in Amsterdam. Says Bohman, "A rich research subject area has been the development of a vaccine, with a shift in emphasis toward administering vaccines in the regions where the disease is sexually transmitted. The cells of the vagina and rectum are initially infected sexually, so it's possible that a vaccine's efficacy could be enhanced by starting the vaccine in those areas. We've had little, if any, success in creating a vaccine against sexually transmitted diseases of any kind, perhaps because we've been vaccinating the wrong kind of cell."

Discussion will also cover cases of HIV-negative people having AIDS symptoms. "There are those who insist HIV has never been the cause of AIDS," says Bohman, "but the announcements made at the conference in no way validate such assertions. At this point, we know too little about what may be a new disease to draw any connections to these much-publicized theories about HIV."

The course fee is \$205 non-credit, \$240 credit. For complete details, call UCLA Extension, (310) 825-7093.▼

Lambda's AIDS Response Programs Exceed All Goals

Lambda Community Center is proud to announce the successful completion of its 1991-92 AIDS grant. For the second year running, LAMBDA exceeded goals set by the County of Sacramento. LAMBDA's AIDS Response Programs are primarily focused on one-to-one education for gay and bisexual men and youth, still the highest at-risk group for HIV infection. County mandates required outreach to 300 youth and 2000 men.

LAMBDA's AIDS Response Programs reached over 2,300 youth and over 13,000 men.

Additional components of the grant included publication of PSSN (Positive Social Support Newsdigest), a bimonthly designed to provide information on HIV; the "Keeping It Up!" workshops, directed at behavior change maintenance; Youth Group; Men's Coming Out Group; and Lambda U, a diverse selection of self-esteem workshops.

In the 1992-93 grant year, LAMBDA's AIDS Response Programs will be offering a workshop series called "Sex Talk", addressing safer sex in the context of healthy sexuality; and outreach focused specifically on helping lesbian and bisexual women assess their potential risk for HIV infection. In spite of over \$17,000 in County funding cuts, LAMBDA remains dedicated to its goal of reducing the spread of HIV in the community, with an excellent staff supported by an expanding volunteer base. For information on LAMBDA's programs, contact Josie at 442-0185.▼



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Photo Project Captures "A Day in the Life"

Two national lesbian and gay organizations, National Coming Out Day and The Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project, are asking all photographers (professional and amateur) to record October 11, National Coming Out Day as a day in the life of Gay and Lesbian America.

"National Coming Out Day, October 11, is the perfect day for our lives to go on record. The Photo Project will confirm for all of America what we have been saying all along: there is no 'us' and 'them'," said Lynn Sheppard, Executive Director of National Coming Out Day.

"The Photo Project fits in well with our commitment to providing ongoing education in order to eliminate homophobia. It will give all Americans an opportunity to see us as we are."

The Photo Project is not an attempt to portray any segment of our community as being better than any other, but rather it will show and celebrate the scope of our lives," said Julie Baron, Executive Director of The Public Awareness Project.

National Coming Out Day and The Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project are two national organizations which specialize in building stronger communities by inspiring gay and lesbian people to be visible and non-gay people to be aware. The Awareness Project has produced a powerful series of thought-provoking ads which show different gay and lesbian people in common scenarios where prejudice can be overcome. It has recently completed a full page photo ad in People Magazine entitled "Guess What? We're your family, friends, neighbors....." Currently The Awareness Project is raising funds to place the same ad in TIME Magazine.

Amateur and professional photographers interested in submitting their October 11, portraits of lesbian and gay America for consideration for use in The Photo Project, and those wishing more information, should register with National Coming Out Day at 505-982-2558 or The Lesbian & Gay Public Awareness Project 818-990-8000.▼

Thousands of Panels To Be Added to AIDS Memorial Quilt

Underscoring the horrific progress of the HIV pandemic, approximately 4,000 memorial panels were received at the NAMES Project workshop in San Francisco over a ten-day period this month, arriving in time for the July 15 deadline of panels to be included in the entire display of the, NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, scheduled for Washington, D.C. October 9-11. During the first ten days of July, as many as 600 panels arrived per day from around the world, increasing the Quilt by nearly one quarter.

"We're swamped with panels, and still have hundreds and hundreds more in boxes," said Lisa Catapano, Managing Director of the NAMES Project.

When it was first displayed in October of 1987, the NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt consisted of less than 2,000 panels and weighed 2.3 tons. Today, five years later, the Quilt has grown to include well over 20,000 hand made panels and weighs a staggering 2.3 tons. Twenty thousand panels in

five years, represents the creation of a new panel every two hours. The Quilt was displayed for the first time on the Capitol Mall in Washington, D.C., covering less than an acre. On its fifth year anniversary this quilt will cover more than eight acres.

The NAMES Project continues to accept panels worldwide. Although the July 15 deadline to add a panel for Washington has expired, panels may be brought to Washington, D.C. during the weekend of October 9-11.

The AIDS Memorial Quilt display in Washington, D.C. is part of an enormous gathering of AIDS-related service organization and volunteers. In addition to the traditional Quilt unfolding ceremony and reading of the names, weekend activities will include various special events, ceremonies and conferences and is expected to attract 300,000 visitors.

For information: NAMES Project, 2362 Market St., San Francisco, 94114, (415) 863-5511.▼

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By Secretary of State
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• **Who is eligible to register to vote?** Anyone may register who is a US citizen, 18 years of age or older by the next election day, a California resident, not in prison or on parole for conviction of a felony, and not involuntarily confined in a mental hospital for specific reasons.

• **How do you register to vote?** As I mentioned, you simply complete a registration affidavit which asks your name, mailing and residence addresses, date of birth, birthplace, political party you wish to join (if any), occupation, and information about where you've previously registered to vote (in order to keep the voter rolls current). You sign the card under penalty of perjury, date it, and return it to the county clerk

or registrar of voters. You must register by October 5 if you want to vote on November 3 this year. You are registered when you receive a voter notification card from your registrar/county clerk; if you don't receive such a notice shortly after you mail in your registration form, call your county elections official to inquire about it.

• **Where can you get a registration affidavit?** Besides calling my toll-free registration hotline (again, that number is 1-800-345-VOTE), you can get the form from your county clerk or registrar (listed in the white pages of your telephone directory in the county government listings section), or you may pick one up in a number of locations. I have launched a most aggressive voter registration effort and have a large number of businesses and organizations participating in voter registration outreach drives throughout the state. Forms are available at libraries, fire departments, schools, most government offices (both state and local) and from many retail outlets. And, of course, the political parties - and most candidates can provide the official registration form.

• **If I don't vote in an election, do I need to re-register?** No. Voter registration in California is continuous as long as you remain living at your registered address, even if you fail to vote. You need to re-register if you move, get married and wish to change your name, or wish to change political party affiliation.

• **Do I have to register with a specific Political party?** No. You may register as a Democrat, Republican, American Independent, Libertarian, Peace and Freedom, or Green Party member (the six qualified political parties in California which hold primary elections to nominate candidates for the general elections), as a "decline-to-state" (like an independent), or you may fill in the name of any other party you wish. However, if you register "decline-to-state or with any non qualified political party (i.e., other than the five listed above), you will only be entitled to vote on non-partisan races and the ballot measures in primary elections; in the general election in November you can vote for all offices and propositions.▼

Quilt Will Be Recorded

With the cooperation of the Names Project, Amhurst University has begun a project which will make the AIDS Quilt more accessible to the public.

Using a new technique known as interactive video, the university will record images of individual panels of the quilt.

Already larger than four football fields and growing daily, the quilt is rapidly becoming too large to be shown in its entirety. Project co-founders Louise Bloomberg and

Karen Lederer say this interactive, computer-driven film archive will both record the quilt for posterity and allow people around the country to view it.

Making use of an index, people accessing the system could call up a view of the whole quilt or a particular panel.

Also to be included will be historical data on AIDS, biographical information and possibly pictures of individuals represented by the panels.▼

President Refuses 30,000 MAA Postcards From Sacramento Man

Activists carrying 30,000 postcards calling on the President to reform his AIDS policy arrived at the doorstep of the Republican National Convention in Houston where a promised recipient failed to appear.

Representatives of Mobilization Against AIDS (MAA), the lobbying organization which collected the cards over the last few months, had arranged with California Alternate Delegate Marty Keller from Sacramento to hand over the cards at the main gate of the Houston Astrodome at 2 p.m. MAA Executive Director Paul Boneberg stated his belief that the delivery was rebuffed for political reasons.

MAA responded by declaring its willingness to deliver the cards to any representative of the President at any time and any location.

If the Bush Administration fails to respond, MAA—one of the nation's oldest and largest AIDS lobbying organizations—will reattempt delivery when the AIDS Memorial Quilt is displayed in Washington DC, October 9-11.▼

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REPUBLICAN WITH AIDS ADDRESSES CONVENTION...

"We may take refuge in our stereotypes, but we cannot hide there long. I am one with the lonely gay man sheltering a flickering candle from the cold wind of his family's rejection," says Mary Fisher, a white mother of three from a wealthy Republican family who contracted AIDS heterosexually from her first husband. Fisher addressed the Republican convention two days after the delegates, extolling "traditional" conservative values, made lifestyle choice a central issue by condemning same-sex marriages and rejecting the distribution of clean needles and condoms to stop the spread of AIDS. The tone of their platform was set when the Republican hierarchy allowed Patrick Buchanan to open the convention with a nationally televised speech that's been described as homophobic, sexist and narrow-minded. How many listening to Buchanan, we may wonder, heard through the roar as Mary Fisher told them, "We have killed each other with our ignorance, our prejudice, and our silence."

INSURANCE SCHEME ...

Several legitimate insurance companies are now offering to buy back insurance policies (at a lower face value) from people with AIDS who would like use of the money for end-stage health care. Smearing this practice with the traditional greed that seems to accompany the AIDS crisis are a few companies — now under investigation — that offer to buy back policies and then re-sell them to a third party, encouraging buyers to "invest" as a beneficiary of a person with AIDS who is a virtual stranger. People with AIDS who are considering cashing in their policies are encouraged to check with AIDS organizations familiar with this practice before responding to any ads for this type of service.

AIDS SURVEY FINDS ABUSE ...

One-third of all Americans with HIV disease have been physically or verbally abused because of their infection, with much of the violence coming from family members, a recent survey by the Na-

tional Association for People with AIDS shows. Responses from 1,800 people across the country showed that 12 percent had been called names or beaten in their own homes, 21 percent had experienced violence outside the home, 33 percent need help understanding how to get health insurance and medical care, 25 percent need help with basic daily chores such as cooking or shopping. Over 75 percent of the men responding to the survey said they got the virus through homosexual contact; 60 percent of the women said they were infected during heterosexual contact; and (amazingly) 10 percent said they did not know how they became infected.

HODGKINS MAY BE ADDED TO "LIST" ...

Researchers say gay men with HIV disease are five times more likely to develop Hodgkin's disease (painful enlargement of the lymph nodes, spleen, and liver) than gay men who are HIV-negative. The finding suggests this cancer may need to be added to the official list of illnesses that the Centers for Disease Control uses to define AIDS, thus making people with Hodgkin's eligible for special AIDS funds to pay for treatment. There are currently three cancers on the list (Kaposi's sarcoma, primary lymphomas of the brain, and a lymph cancer called non-Hodgkin's lymphoma). Based on this report, the role of HIV in predisposing people to cancer needs further research, say officials. CDC's hearing on revising the official list, which now contains 23 clinical conditions, will be held in Atlanta September 2. High on the agenda is adding people who have fewer than 200 T-cells. Current CDC statistics and definitions say that 80,000 Americans are living with full-blown AIDS. A corrected list, which currently also skips over nearly all gynecological conditions experienced by women, could add well over 200,000 to this number, and decidedly impact this country's funding for AIDS illnesses. (Written comments containing research findings and relevant data on revising the list will be accepted by CDC until September 18.)

AMSTERDAM CONFERENCE AIDS UPDATE ...

Sacramento doctor Neil Flynn hosted a presentation highlighting AIDS news from the international AIDS conference and discussed treatments in general. Please see the September edition of PSSN (the Positive Social Support Newsdigest, put out by Lambda Community Center) for a detailed account of the vital topics covered. Due to the complexity of the information, only



Photo by Renee Vorhies
Dr. Neil Flynn, UCD, discusses AIDS information he learned from the AIDS International Conference in Amsterdam

a few topics are touched on here:
* Combining medications such as AZT with DDI or DDC, and taking both on the same day rather than alternating them monthly or weekly, appears to have a better result in treating HIV disease. DDC appears now to be a relatively weak anti-viral, but works well to improve T-cells when used in combination with AZT. DDI is more active than AZT, and also more toxic, killing about 1 out of every 100 who take it. Additionally, its side effects of pancreatitis or neuropathy on some occasions continue in full force even after the drug is stopped. For the huge majority taking DDI, however, it appears to be a god-send. Similar DDC side effects seem to stop when the drug is stopped. Now that DDC is available by prescription, it is no longer available through the buyer's club underground. It's now available through county drug programs only to those with fewer than 300 T-cells.

* One particular mutant may be responsible for making HIV worse, say some researchers, although not everyone agrees with this theory. This particular mutant virus is called SI (syncytia inducing). The outer envelope of this cell has the ability to merge with others similar to it, becoming giant cells that may be much less susceptible to AZT than other strains of HIV. This may be why many people experience a

sudden drop in T-cells after they've been on AZT for a while.

* Promising treatments being looked at include new medications for wasting syndrome; NAC — an amino acid that may enhance the immune system when taken at dosages of at least 1200-1500 milligrams per day; and Soluble CD4. Several HIV diseases now have medications to prevent their occurrence, as well as treat them, including PCP (pneumocystis pneumonia), CMV (cytomegalovirus, a herpes-type virus), toxoplasmosis, and MAI/MAC (mycobacterium avium complex, a tuberculosis-type virus that can infect numerous organs throughout the body). Bactrim is proving nearly 100 percent effective in protecting people from PCP for at least one year. For those who get rash and fevers because of Bactrim's sulfa content, the medication can also be administered as Trimethoprim, a version with no sulfa.

* The tuberculosis skin test doesn't appear to give accurate results on people with low T-cell counts. Physicians need to look for other symptoms.

* CMV (cytomegalovirus) herpes virus appears to be more prevalent now. As many as 95 percent of all people with HIV disease have CMV in their bodies, which can infect the esophagus and the intestinal tract, and cause ulcers and hepatitis. As many as 20 percent of these people will develop CMV retinitis, which can cause blindness if not treated immediately with Ganciclovir or Foscarnet. Acyclovir, an effective herpes medication, does not appear to have any effect on retinitis. As people get near 50 T-cells, they should have MONTHLY eye examinations. As soon as any changes in the eyes occur — big floaters, or trouble reading the newspaper or watching TV when there was no trouble before — an immediate eye examination is called for.

* MAC (mycobacterium avium complex) has many effective treatments, such as clarithromycin, together with ethambutol or clofazimine. (Resistance seems to develop if these medications are used only one at a time. And taking them twice a day in smaller doses appears to be more effective than

taking them at the same time once a day.) As many as 80 percent of all people with HIV will get MAC as they get closer to zero T-cells. Let your physician know immediately if you see symptoms such as fevers, sweats, weight loss, fatigue and a sore liver. As you near 50 T-cells, clarithromycin can be taken as a preventative for this disease. Another highly effective treatment appears to be a drug called Rifabutin — not yet available in the U.S., but coming soon in trials (for free) at the Med Center, Cares, and other Sacramento physicians offices for people with fewer than 50 T-cells.

* New emphasis is being placed on diarrhea-related illnesses such as Cryptosporidium (for which there is no cure for the HIV-infected). Caregivers as well as anyone else in the house can get this illness, easily transmitted by unwashed hands (during food preparation, while sharing cigarettes, etc.) ALWAYS use great care, including gloves and hand-washing, when dealing with this disease, identified as profuse diarrhea 6-8 times a day for 3-4 days (in which quarts of liquid rush out of the body). Other, less deadly diarrhea is also fairly easily transmitted throughout a household. Washing thoroughly with soap and water removes as much as 90 percent of the bacteria you may have picked up using the bathroom.

* KS (Kaposi's sarcoma) is now thought to be sexually transmitted only, and is probably not blood borne. It seems to respond to AZT when a person has more than 100 T-cells, and to some extent responds to chemotherapies when there are fewer than 100 T-cells. Alpha interferon injections directly into lesions in the mouth seem to reduce them (although this sometimes causes chills and flu-like symptoms).

* Cryptococcal meningitis, treated as a person's T-cell count gets between 100 and 50, appears to respond to fluconazole and ketoconazole (which in some people has a side effect of impotence).

* Herpes medication acyclovir still appears to improve AIDS survival, although the mechanism by which it could do so is unknown. ▼

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More and More Getting AIDS

By Renee Vorhies
OF MGW STAFF

The World Health Organization estimates that between 11 million and 13 million worldwide are infected with the HIV virus. The ever increasing HIV infected are women, mostly in the underdeveloped regions. This is the topic of discussion at the Eighth International Conference on AIDS.

During heterosexual encounters women are more likely than men to become infected. Dr. Michael Merson, who heads the WHO's program on AIDS, feels "that by the year 2000 over half of those infected will be female. In the U.S., women are among the highest numbers increasing with the virus."

Elizabeth Taylor who has been a long time AIDS activist, said of President Bush, "I do not believe that he (Bush) is doing anything at all about AIDS. In fact, I'm not so sure he even knows how to spell AIDS." ▼

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Walnut Creek Times

The Walnut Creek-based daily newspaper, *The Times*, has refused to publish personal ads submitted by members of the lesbian and gay community. The paper prints such ads for heterosexuals. One ad, submitted by a GLAAD member, asked for political discussion, friendship, and "maybe romance." The submitter was asked to remove the word "romance." When asked whether the policy covering the work "romance" included all ads, Peggy Womack, manager of the classified section, told the GLAAD member that "her category does not exist" in the paper.

This is blatant discrimination. Write to Colin Pratt, Managing Editor, *The Times*, 2640 Shadelands Drive, Walnut Creek CA 94596, tel. 510-945-4767, fax 510-943-8362.

Palo Alto Weekly

The May 13 *Palo Alto Weekly* included an essay by Mary Mainland, of the paper's board of contributors, titled "A Weapon of Intimidation." Mainland argued, like so many before her, that discrimination is a form of free speech, and that homophobia is the fault of those lesbians and gays who won't conceal their sexual orientation.

Responding to "allegations that the (Boy) Scouts discriminate on the basis of sexual orientation," Mainland ignored the Scouts' stated reasons for discriminating and dreamed up her own. Gays are excluded, according to Mainland, because the Scouts "quite reasonably think that the gratuitous disclosure of...a private matter signifies an intent to advocate views about sexual conduct." One wonders if Mainland would use this argument against declared heterosexuals!

Mainland went on to say that gays "need to be reminded that they are entitled to tolerance, but not approval," a meaningless statement if there ever was one (imagine the same statement about any other minority). "Gays who accuse those who disapprove of homosexual conduct on moral or social grounds of 'homophobia'...should be censured for using epithets and baseless accusations to curtail the expression of opposing views," she wrote. We're hearing this more and more these days: prejudice is a right, and if you even criticize it, you're infringing on that right.

Write a letter and set Mainland straight on the Boy Scouts policy, on homophobia and on free speech. Send it to Letters, *Palo Alto Weekly*, P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto CA 94302, fax 415-326-3928.

Wall Street Journal

Irving Kristol, writing in the *Wall Street Journal* (Tuesday, May 12, 1992), describes in an op-ed piece titled "Man, Women, and Sex" how modern attitudes about sex have backfired.

Listing things that have gone wrong due to sexual liberation, Kristol says, "Who would have thought, back in 1950, that we would today be handing out condoms to high-school students in a desperate (and surely doomed) effort to stem the astounding increase in teen-age pregnancies...Who would have thought we would be witnessing an alarming increase in venereal disease (including a fatal venereal disease, AIDS)? Who

would have anticipated an incredible upsurge in male homosexuality and lesbianism? Who could have imagined that our sexually liberated popular culture would be featuring movies of sexual aggression, with men engaged in serial murders of women and women killing men to protest sexual oppression?"

Do you think the *Wall Street Journal* should be giving a platform to people who view the existence of a minority group as a problem along with disease and violence? Send your thoughts to Paul E. Steiger, Managing Editor, *The Wall Street Journal*, 200 Liberty Street, New York, NY 10281, tel. 212-416-2000, fax 212-416-2658.

Book Seizure

U.S. customs officials have seized two shipments of books en route to Boston's Glad Day Bookshop, a lesbian gay bookstore. The shipments were from Italy and Spain, and included items like a gay guide to Spain. Officials said the literature was in violation of U.S. obscenity codes.

Write to U.S. Attorney's office and demand the publications be released and that U.S. Customs stop interfering with the international exchange of gay and lesbian literature. Write to U.S. Attorney, Department of Justice, John W. McCormack Bldg., Boston MA 02109. Send copies of your letter to Glad Day Bookshop, 673 Boylston Street, Boston MA 02116.

Idaho Heterosexualized

Wonder why the video box for Gus Van Sant's *My Own Private Idaho* shows River Phoenix (gay in the film) and Keanu Reeves (sexually ambivalent) each with a woman? This movie was not about heterosexual relationships!

Instead of courting gay consumers, the marketers chose to distort the movie's content and render its gay focus invisible. Write to Stephen Einhorn, President, New Line Home Video, 888 7th Ave., New York, NY 10106.

Roseanne

Roseanne Arnold has told QW magazine that her TV sister (played by Laurie Metcalf) may have lesbian relationships in coming seasons. Metcalf, by the way, was great as a lesbian cop in the movie *Internal Affairs*. Drop Roseanne a line and support Jackie's coming out. Write to Roseanne Arnold, Co-Executive Producer, *Roseanne*, Carsey-Werner Co., 4024 Radford Avenue, Studio City, CA 91604.

Redbook

The May issue of *Redbook* magazine included a story called "My Two Moms." Written by San Francisco *Examiner* columnist Stephanie Salter, the article pro-

filed Lea Militello and Debbie Hourigan, two Bay Area Lesbians, and their son Ryan. The story discussed the challenges and joys of being parents who happen to be lesbians, addressing discrimination against lesbian and gay couples in partnership benefits and custody rights, and the day to day problems of facing homophobic attitudes. The article pointed out that "despite evidence to the contrary from many psychological studies, people often still believe that having homosexual parents is a liability."

Praise *Redbook's* step out of the journalistic closet by writing to Ellen Levine, Editor-in-Chief, *Redbook*, 224 W. 57th Street, New York, NY 10019

Springfield, Oregon

On May 19, the voters of Springfield, Oregon passed a chilling local ordinance. The ordinance mandates that discrimination based on sexual orientation shall remain legal, and that neither public funds nor property may be used to "promote or encourage" homosexuality. The Springfield Chamber of Commerce has reportedly received calls and letters from around the country from individuals promising to bring their business to Springfield because of its pro-prejudice stand. Please tell the Chamber you will avoid doing business in Springfield until the law is rescinded, and that you will encourage your family and friends to do the same.

Write to Springfield Chamber of Commerce, 101 South A Street, Springfield, OR, 97477. tel 503-746-1651.

One Life To Live

On June 18 the ABC soap opera *One Life To Live* launched a major storyline about a gay teenager and small-town homophobia. This is the first time a daytime drama has featured a story dealing with teen homosexuality.

On the June 18 episode, Billy Douglas came out to another boy and stated unequivocally that he is gay. Both boys work at a local community center where a crisis line call from another gay teen prompted homophobic comments from ignorant peers. The hatred and bigotry that lesbian and gay teens routinely experience was realistically portrayed.

While OLTL will not reveal the plots of upcoming episodes, a spokesperson for the soap promises that the storyline will continue at least through the summer and will "really heat up" in July. This is especially significant, since more teens are likely to be watching during these months. The plot will focus on malicious rumors about Billy and a local minister, rumors that tear the town into opposing camps.

Congratulate ABC for showing that there's more than one way to live a life. Encourage the show's producer to depict Billy interacting with lesbians and other gay people, including people of color, to more accurately reflect the diversity of our community. And since soaps typically center upon the romantic lives of characters perhaps Billy should be provided with a love interest!

Write to Linda Gottlieb, Executive Producer, OLTL, ABC-TV, 40 West 66th Street, New York, NY 10023

Two Of Us

On June 19, KQED broadcast a one-hour drama about two teenage boys whose friendship evolves into romance. The imported drama, *Two Of Us*, was filmed in 1986 as part of a British Broadcasting Corporation school series, though the original ending was censored in England. KQED broadcast the uncut version, in which the boys remain together at the end of the film.

Responses to the film have been mixed. Stories of young gay love are virtually non-existent on television, and the film was a welcome exception. On the other hand, the drama was somewhat remote from the experiences of lesbian and gay teens in the San Francisco Bay Area. Send your comments along to KQED, and remind the station that local and regular programming

for and about lesbian, gay and bisexual youth should be a priority.

Write to Anthony Tiano, President, KQED-TV, 2601 Mariposa St., San Francisco, CA, 94110; Tel 415-864-2000

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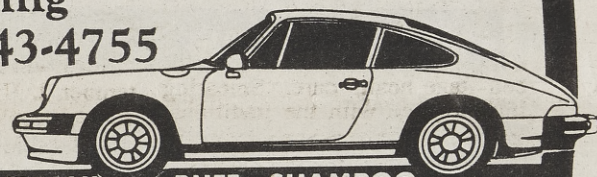
The August edition of *US* magazine, a "special issue" on "The Sexual Revolution in Movies, Music & TV"—guaranteed to be a big seller—, included a great piece on lesbian and gay depictions in cinema. The writer, openly gay director Tom Kalin, spoke from personal experience about the need for positive lesbian and gay images, and about the damage done by the relentless stereotyping of Hollywood films. It was great to see not only an out of the closet writer in *US*, but also an intelligent discussion of "heterosexual paranoia" as manifested in films like *Cruising*, *Bird on a Wire*, *Basic Instinct*, and others.

Write to Ian Birch, Editor, *US*, 1290 Avenue of the Americas, New York NY 10104.

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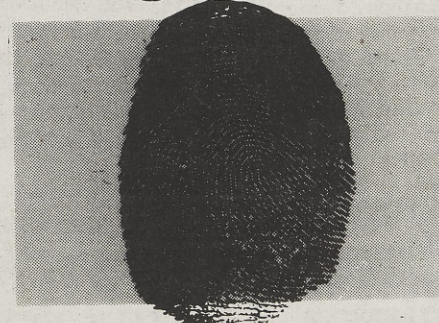
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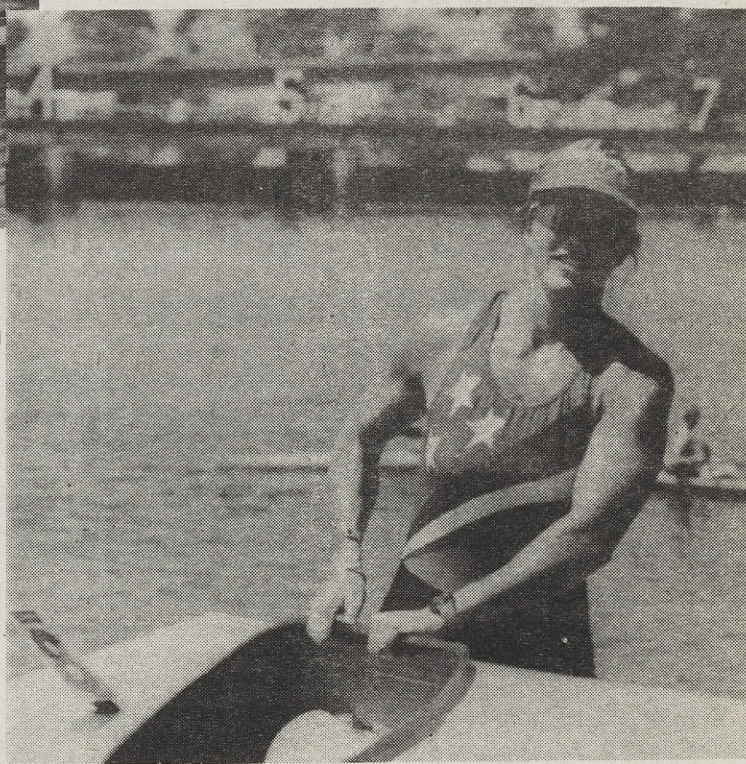
U.S. Canoe and Kayak Team 1992 Sprint National Championships on Lake Natoma



Photos
by
Pamela Coffey

The Crew of Chris Barlow, Mark Hamilton, Terry Kent and Mike Herber near the finish line to take a commanding first place with a time of 3:14.07 in the Senior Men K4 - 1000 meter with the Hawaii Canoe/Kayak Team falling behind by 6 seconds.

Olympian Sheila Conover carries her kayak to Boat Control after finishing first in the Senior Women K1-1000 meter race with a time of 4:18.60.



news clips

By Winston McDade
OF MGW STAFF

Republicans Target

The Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) recently blasted Rep. Dana Rohrabacher (R-CA) for trying to intimidate private companies like Levi Strauss into rescinding their recent decisions to discontinue funding of the Boy Scouts of America.

In a recent letter to Levi Strauss, Rohrabacher expressed outrage at the company's continued boycott against the scouts and claimed that such actions could "kill Scouting in America." Tim McFeeley, Executive Director of the HRCF, called Rohrabacher's actions hypocritical because the republican representative claims to support a history of

"personal freedom over governmental intervention" yet he supports attempts to dictate morality in America's bedrooms, and is now trying to extend that same control to the boardrooms as well.

The HRCF also noted that while Rohrabacher claims to put the family first and is an avid advocate of "traditional family values," he voted against the Family Leave Act, a bill that would have required private companies to grant leave to employees who need extended time to care for children and other family members.

Charges Filed Against Bush Campaign

An openly gay man working in the information center for the Bush re-election campaign has filed a discrimination complaint against them. Tyler Franz was demoted from his position in the Bush-Quayle re-election headquarters and transferred to an unoccupied area in the campaign in early July. The move, Franz believes, was one of intense pressure from the religious right segments of the Republican party. A personnel director explained the demotion to Franz as "ideological differences with the religious right."

Lansbury to Receive Award

Award winning stage, film and television actress Angela Lansbury will be honored by the Pacific Center for HIV/AIDS Counseling and Psychotherapy on September 19 at the Tribute III Award Dinner.

Slated to entertain will be Juliet Prowse, Sam Harris, Bebe Neuwirth, Patti LaPone, Tyne Daly, Sandy Duncan, Dixie Carter, Shirley Home and Marilyn and Alan Bergman. Some of the members of the Honorary Dinner Committee will be Mr. and Mrs. Corbin Bersen, The Honorable Dianne Feinstein, Gov. Bill and Hillary Clinton, Demi Moore, David Geffen and Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth-Thomason.

Bank of America to Fund Scouts Again

After being accused by religious fundamentalists of caving in to the homosexual lobby when they refused to continue funding the Boy Scouts of America, Bank of America officials are now denying that they have been pressured by the reli-

gious right to once again provide corporate funding for the scouts.

A B of A spokesperson stated that the bank requested clarification of Scout policy and found that the organization is "open to all boys who subscribe to the Scout oath and law, Cub Scout promise or Explorer code." But gay rights activists and Forgotten Scouts members claim that the statement does not indicate a change in Boy Scout policy and discrimination against gays is still practiced.

--B.A.R.

Weinstein to Run for LA City Council

Michael Weinstein, one of LA's foremost health advocates, announced his bid for the Los Angeles City Council in the new 13th District. Weinstein currently serves as the President of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation which operates several health care facilities in the 13th District.

Weinstein's multi-point agenda includes a priority on city and neighborhood services, stripping department heads of civil service protection, increasing the number of police patrolling LA streets, limiting elected officials to two terms and innovative and cost-effective approaches to creating affordable housing.

Roseanne's Brother Confirms Abuse

Ben Barr, 31-year-old brother of comedian Roseanne Arnold, has recently confirmed that there was indeed a history of abuse in their family. However, Barr claims that much of the abuse was suffered at the hands of his older sister Roseanne herself. Barr, who is gay and eight years his sister's junior, claims that as a child Arnold would chase him around the house and beat him about the head, legs and genitals with metal vacuum cleaner attachments.

Barr could not confirm whether or not Arnold was actually abused by their parents, but he did state that his definition of an abuser is someone who continually "violates trust, breaks boundaries and hurts other people." A definition he apparently believes the comedian fits all too well.

--Sacramento Bee

Nitrate Kisses Premieres at Castro Theatre

Filmmaker Barbara Hammer's 50th film, *Nitrate Kisses*, will debut Thursday, October 29 at San Francisco's Castro Theatre. *Nitrate Kisses* is a film that explores images of gay and lesbian culture and is the first feature-length film by Hammer, a pioneer of lesbian cinema.

Nitrate Kisses is said to be one of those films that will make the viewer, gay or straight, examine their own lives and want to save scraps, letters, books, records and snapshots in order to preserve ordinary lives as "history." For more information call 415-552-FILM.▼

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Prom Night Brings Out the Sequins

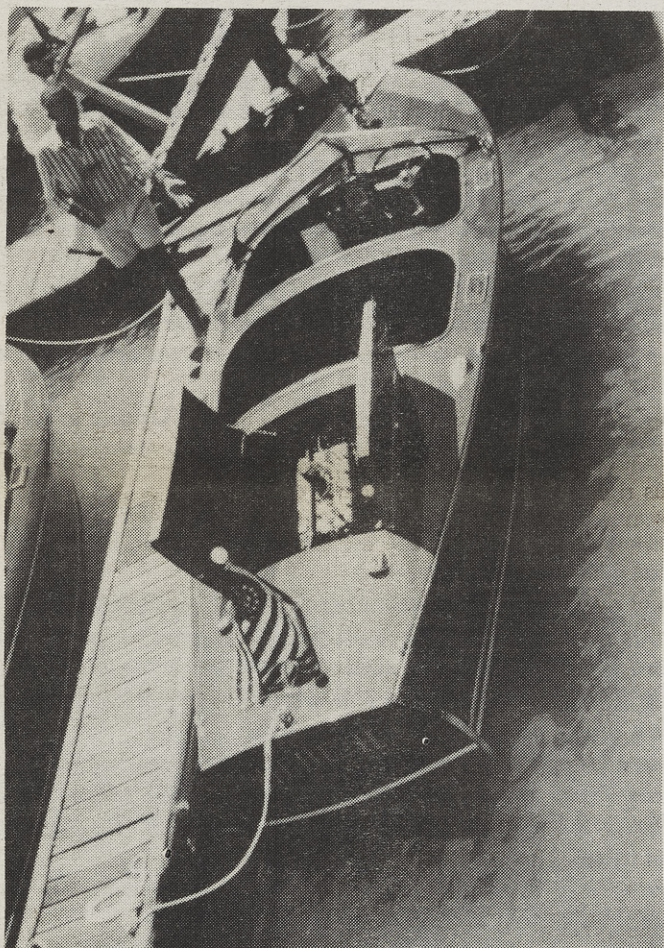
Mary Smith and Geni Cowan helped to break the ice when they were among the first dancers to take to the floor during SLCC's Prom Night this summer.



Photo by Jeff Lujan

Men's Chorus Yard Sale

Jeff Goodman right at home in the middle of the parking lot near the Gifted Gardner during the Sacramento Men's Chorus Yard Sale.



Tahoe City Boat Show

Phebe II, owned by James McClatchy, CK McClatchy's brother, at the Wooden Boat Show at the Tahoe Yacht Club.



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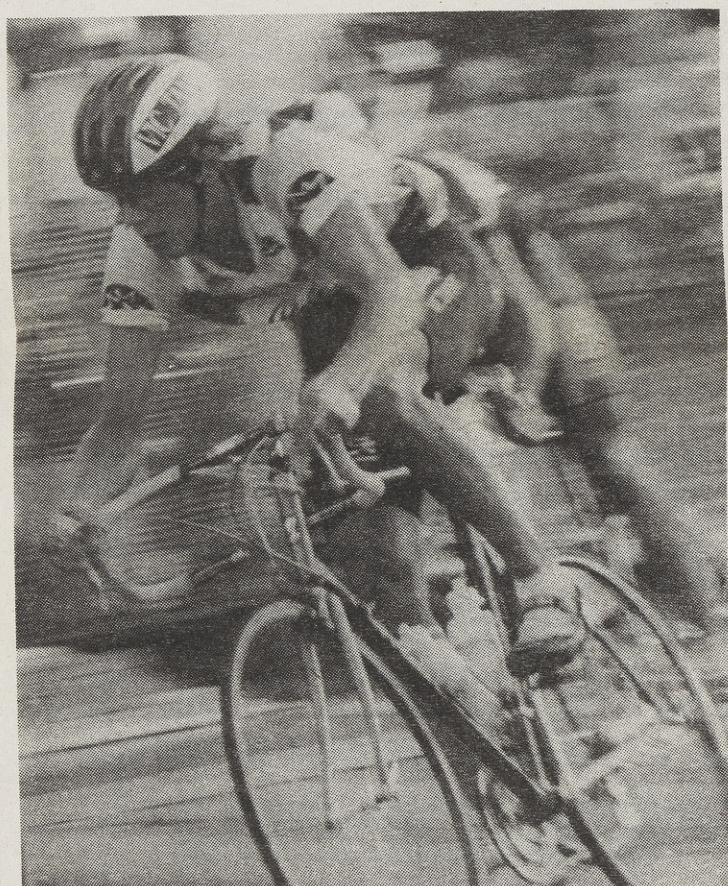
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California Lottery Classic: Cobblestones Are The Challenge



Photos and Story
by Pamela Coffey
of MGW Staff

How many of us have trod the cobblestones on Front Street in Old Sacramento wishing for some kind of high-tech pair of fashionable sport shoe to cushion against every jarring, tooth-rattling footstep?

With that in mind think how you might feel after hitting those cobblestones at about 20 miles per hour seated on a bicycle. Not once, not twice, but, 20 laps if you are a woman and 30 if you are a man. Ouch!

On August 7, 1992, the California Lottery Classic brought out 183 competitors to race in the Tracy Huber Women's Criterium and the Men's Pro/Am Criterium.

The 28 mile women's race concluded with Linda Brenneman out-sprinting Jan Bolland on the cobblestones while Olympian Sally Zack finished third.

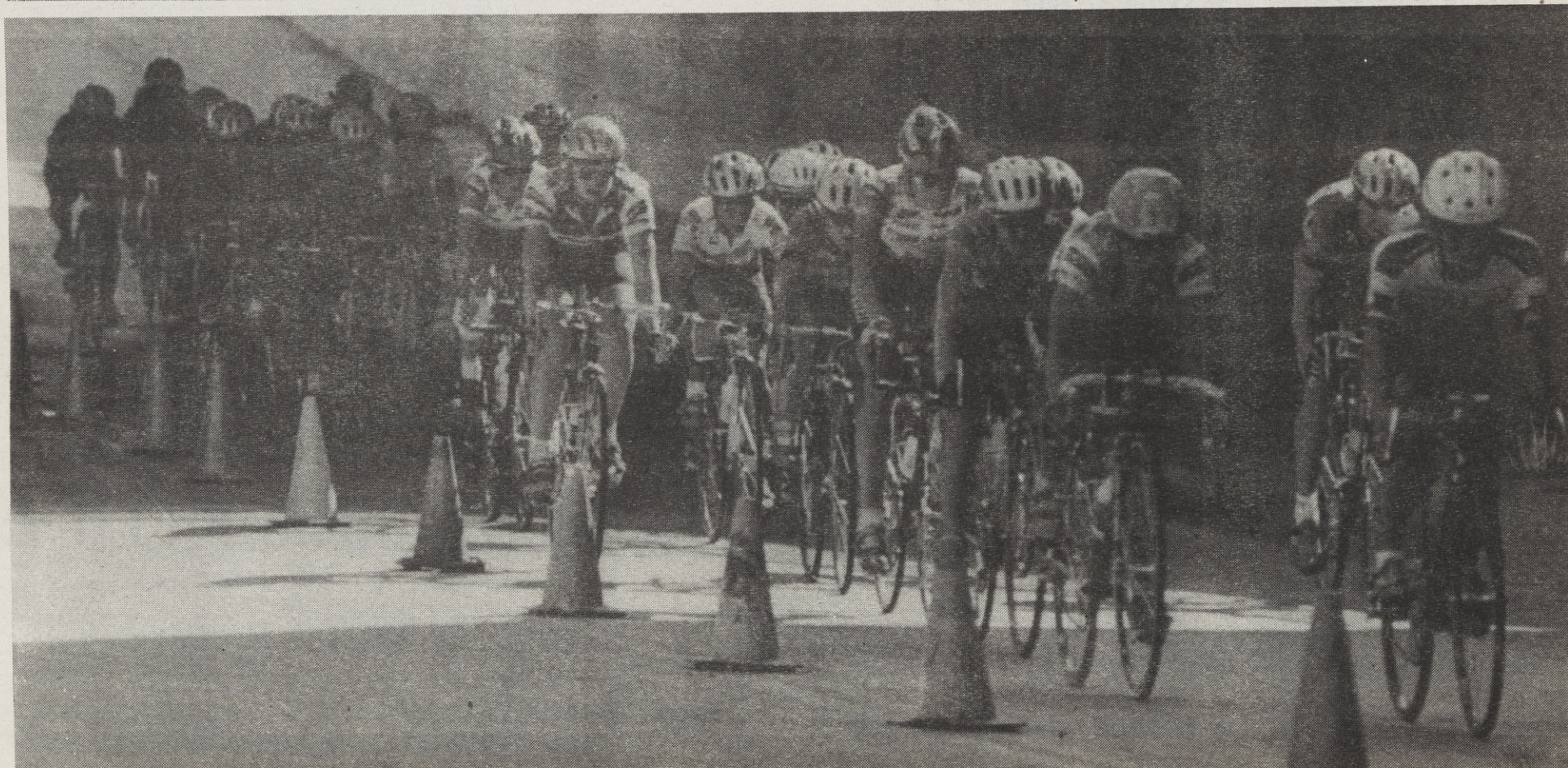
A minute and twenty seconds separated Brenneman and Bolland from the rest of the field with four laps to go after an early breakaway from the pack.

Zack finished third when she was able to sprint away from the three other riders in the chase pack.

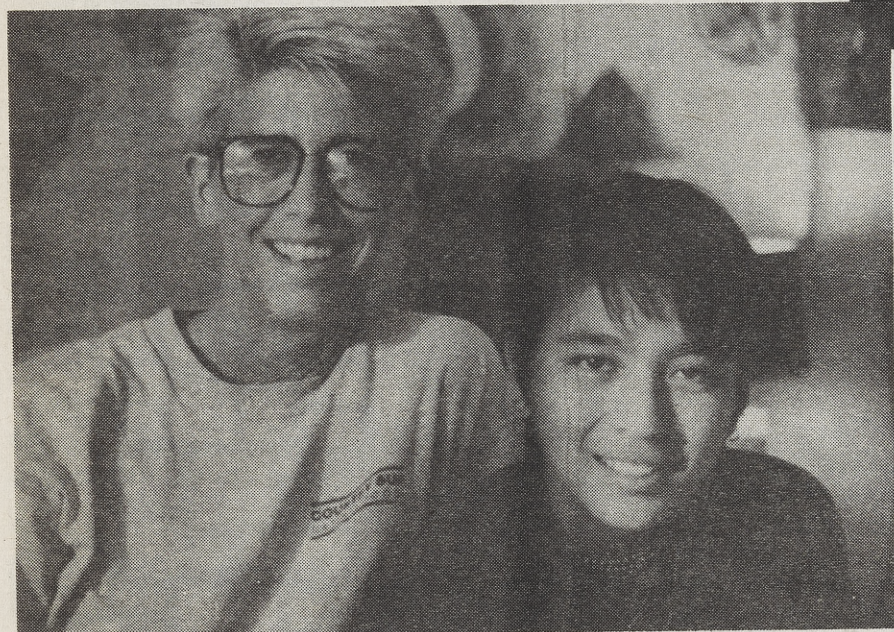
In a more traditional race with the lead exchanging hands numerous times, Peter Gylling overtook David McCook by half of a wheel to claim victory in the Men's Pro/Am. Roy Knickman finished third.

Fortunately each of the competitors rode away from the cobblestones unscathed, at least visibly.

Perhaps one of those riders indulged in a little California Lottery fantasy as he or she dreamed of some high-tech fashionable bicycle saddle to cushion the seat with every spin of the wheel.▼



Gay Youth



a Film Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle of MGW STAFF

Gay Youth Pam Walton, director, 1992, 40 minutes

Those of us who came out during the Stonewall Era or shortly thereafter have a resentment of the teenage lesbians and gays of the nineties. We harbor an edge of contempt for the ease that teenagers can be out and flaunt the sexuality that was a difficult acceptance for those of us in our forties and fifties. We fail to acknowledge that it still is a dark and nebulous passage from the dreams of our parents to the freedom of our own recognition of our true predilection.

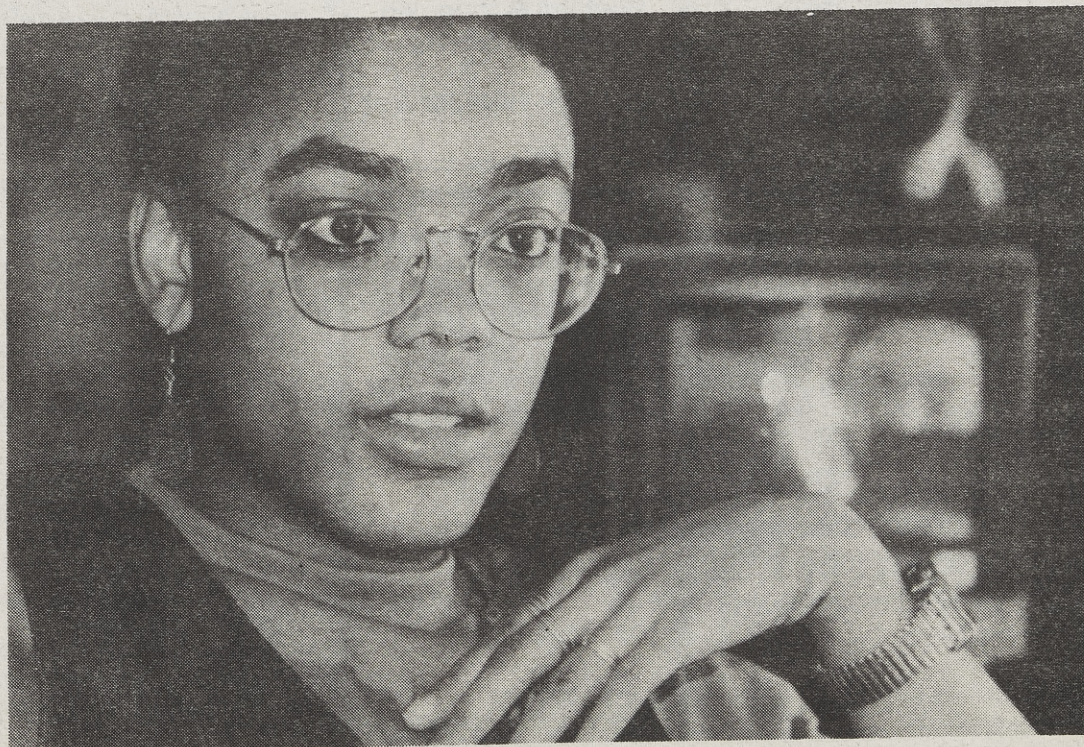
Walton's film Gay Youth will premiere in Sacramento on September 18 at The Clarion. Get out of your old tired ethics and see it.

The stories of the teens of today turned out of their homes by parents who were the people we went through High School

with is chilling and demands our response. The suicide of Bobby Griffith is a denouncement of our own inability to provide a place for teenagers to examine the life that is presented to them in contrast to the life that they are being forced to accept. The story of Gina Guitierrez is a contrast to Bobby's death; her parents and peers accede to her persona rather than degrade and attempt to alter her course.

The film views gay teens sympathetically but calls upon those of us who are out to respond to the cries for help and understanding in a way that is beyond taking those children to bed but rather to allow an opening into our world to accept and allow.

See this one - for all of our sake. ▼



Back To The Capitol!!

On October 11, 1991 thousands of people marched on the California State Capitol to protest Governor Wilson's veto of AB 101, the Lesbian and Gay civil rights bill.

For 1992 there are an even greater number of issues that affect the lesbian and gay communities. These include:

1. AB 2601, similar to AB 101.
2. AB 3825, the "Comprehensive Civil Rights Bill."
3. Drastic cuts in AIDS funding.

4. Challenges to women's reproductive freedom.
5. Traditional Family Values.

That's why organizing has started on a return to the capitol on Sunday, October 11, 1992. We are putting out a call to anyone interested in helping.

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Lesbians Take Back Butch-Femme

By Dell Richards
OF MGW STAFF

In the past decade, lesbians have begun to take new looks, discarding the androgyny of 1970's feminism to create looks that range from punk to passing. Many women also are taking back butch-femme models that haven't been seen since the 1950's.

While this is hot fashion news, it also reflects a major change in lesbian culture. This diversity in dress shows that lesbians finally have become sure of themselves, so sure that they can tolerate differences of style which reflect profound differences in personality.

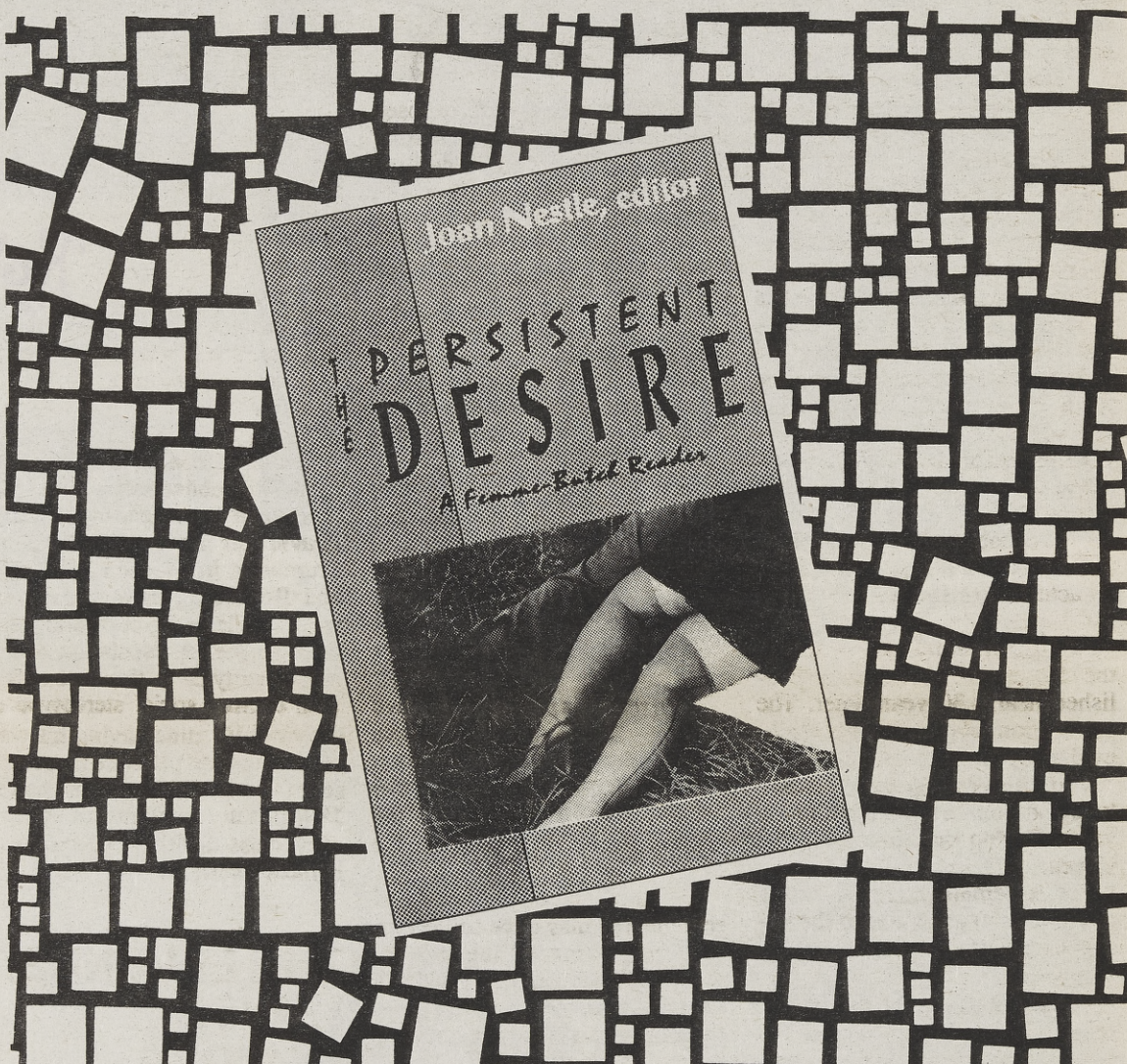
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What Nestle — and lesbians in cafes and colleges nationwide — are saying is that the traditional butch-femme stance is not

say 'homosexuality is okay as long as you don't do it or show it,' said Nestle. "Sexuality is what the state wants to control most. It wants to control the touch, the kiss, the mouth, the hand."

For Nestle, losing this erotic dance comes at the cost of her most basic sense of self, a price that is too high.

"The body carries stunning ideas," said Nestle, who has two previous books which won a Lambda Literary Award and an American Library Association



"We are gender pioneers, it said Joan Nestle, author of the recently published "The Persistent Desire: A Butch-Femme Reader," an anthology of letters, stories, poems and essays that explores the meaning of gender in the lesbian community. "We are alchemists who are breaking new ground, taking givens and transforming them. We are creating multi-gendered people within one gender — female."

By throwing out the old models, gay women are creating visions of lesbians that are unlike any female image in mainstream society.

"Heterosexuals have such paltry imaginations, they can only see things as male or female," said Nestle, who co-founded New York City's Lesbian Herstory Archives in 1973. "What we are doing now has nothing to do with the masculine-feminine dichotomy of the straight world."

To make the point, 52-year-old Nestle uses two extreme examples of butch and femme; examples which would raise hackles in some lesbian quarters.

"A woman wearing a dildo is not male, she is something completely different," said Nestle. "A woman who chooses to be another woman's wife is not the same thing as a wife. She doesn't

a mask to be taken off and on like a stage make-up. In reality, these "roles" are a new mix of gender that allows lesbians to be who they really are.

By living up to some androgynous middle-ground as they have done for the past 20 years, lesbians lost feelings and behaviors that are the core of their selves. Nestle, who calls herself a devout feminist but also wears make-up, heels and stockings, is disturbed by the narrow limits lesbians are placing on themselves.

"One result of political fervency is a need for rigidity. We had to fight for our freedoms, for our territory as women and lesbians. But all kinds of subtleties and complexities of gender have been mown down. It breaks my heart to see women apologizing for their femininity. The last thing I want to see is a rigidity that results in a betrayal of the self."

Despite the rise of women's sex and S/M clubs, Nestle thinks that mainstream political freedom has been won at the expense of lesbian sexuality. She believes lesbians traded the butch-femme look that made the statement "We fuck each other" for political acceptance in the feminist community.

"There is this movement to

award. "The body is one of the most theoretical places. The sexual impulse has created all other political impulses in my life."

Although Nestle teaches creative writing at City University of New York, she thinks in historic terms. A woman who has suffered from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome for the past 12 years and who, at times, "felt so sick she thought she was going to die," Nestle is keenly aware of time — and each generation's place in it.

"Every generation needs to challenge what came before," said Nestle. "We need older lesbians who have lived through history, who have a burnished sense of self. And we need younger women who break down walls and find new ways of being."

What Nestle sees in the future from the new generation is an even greater ability to play with gender, its trappings and meanings.

"Gender fuck is a wonderful political action," said Nestle. "It's the younger generation's gift to us."

Dell Richards is a syndicated journalist whose book, "Lesbian Lists," is available at Lioness Books.▼

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Love Letters Looks at 18th Century Gay Relationships

Reviewed by Matthew Kennedy
OF MGW STAFF

Love Letters between a Certain Late Nobleman and the Famous Mr. Wilson, edited by Michael S. Kimmel, Ph.D., Harrington Park Press, New York, 124 pages, 1990

Love Letters, first published in 1723, is a short epistolary novel focused on a British homosexual relationship. The novel includes a preface, 20 letters, and "observations on the foregoing letters," all presented as historic fact by the anonymous author, who assures the reader the letters are authentic.

When the anonymous nobleman meets Edward Wilson, he is much taken by his good looks, and writes to Wilson to arrange a clandestine meeting. Wilson is initially puzzled, but ultimately relents, and so begins a passionate and stormy affair.

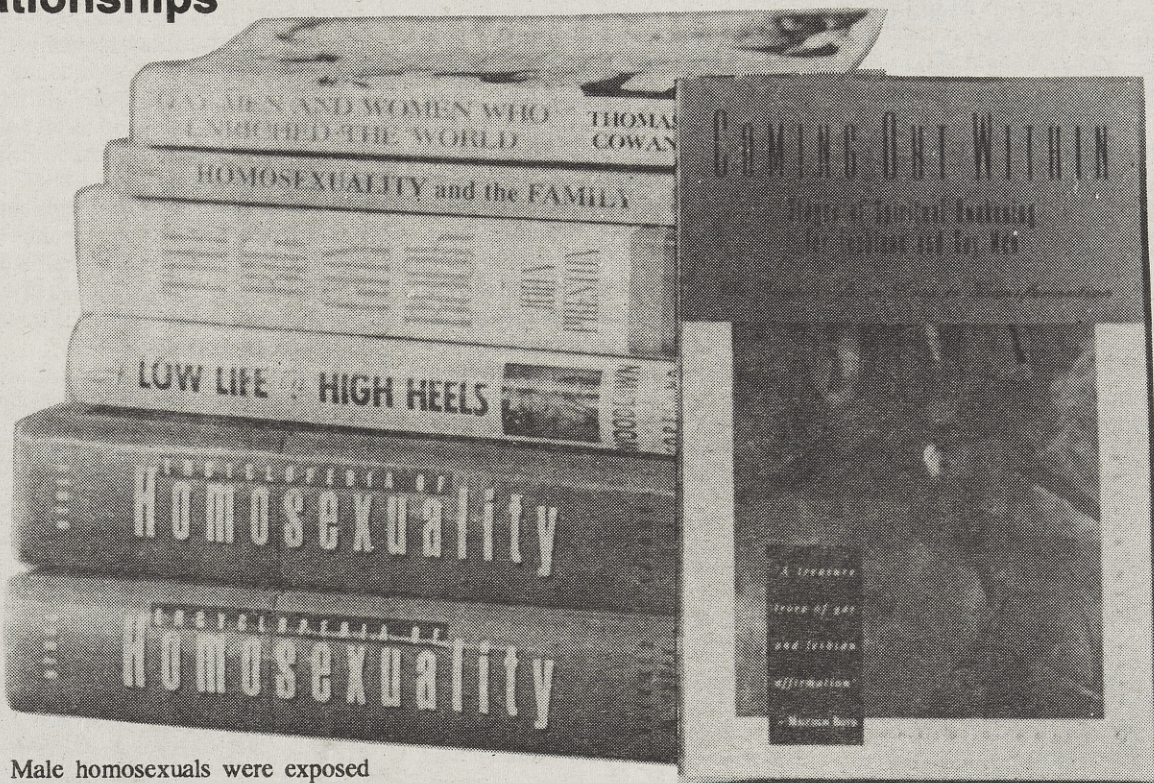
Absolute discretion is necessary, and the two conspire to create a deluded story to deceive the town and to keep their own social standing secure. The ever-thickening plot includes mistaken motives and identities involving Cloris, a beautiful young woman from the country. Wilson and the nobleman pretend to detest each other, while Cloris and Wilson cross-dress to misguide or entangle their prey or to keep the town off guard. Cloris meets her end while the nobleman and Wilson presumably live together eternally, devouring each other "with greedy kisses."

The nobleman is probably a fictional creation. Beau Wilson is an actual historical person, killed in a duel in 1694. His conduct may bear little or no relation to that of the character of Love Letters, published nearly 30 years later. The publication delay is possibly attributed to the growing legend of Wilson and the emergence of a new type of sodomite in the intervening years. During that time span, the bisexual rake image (the man who keeps a female mistress and a catamite boy) gave way to the image of sodomite as exclusively homoerotic.

Both Wilson and the nobleman of Love Letters appear bisexual, though their passion and devotion to each other exceeds any they have for any woman. Love Letters is important not for the authenticity of the letters, but for its social satire based on growing interest in the apparently increasing incidence of sodomy in the "sinful" city. Further, Beau Wilson's infamy as a handsome rake fueled greater interest in the book by the early 18th century.

For the lay person, Love Letters is illuminated by the commentary of contemporary scholars who place the book in its historic, literary, linguistic, social and sexual contexts. Historian George Rousseau points out that many in the 20th century tend to believe "that a collective fantasy about homosexuals has remained constant throughout the ages."

He and others show unequivocally that such constancy isn't so.



Male homosexuals were exposed and branded as sodomites during this period and earlier in western Europe. Voluntary disclosure was not a viable option as it is today. Punishment, depending on a person's social and political importance and the frequency of sodomitical acts, could be death by public burning or hanging.

The debatable evidence of a sophisticated homosexual underground in big cities such as Geneva and Venice should not confuse the modern reader. Such subculture does not confirm shared social identification in a minority population.

This story is haunting, disturbing, even sometimes on the brink of unbelieveability. Yet somehow it has lodged itself inside me, and I can't shake it.

To read this novel you do have to suspect any belief you may have which follows the thought of "seeing is believing." Still, in another major context, "seeing," into the past and the future, is central to the theme of the story.

Class structure, age and sexual role playing may have contributed to a splintering of identity; the modern "male homosexual" was then the "man-loving sodomite" or the "boy crazed catamite," etc. Rousseau states that it is anachronistic to use the terms bisexual, homosexual, or heterosexual in referring to 18th century individuals. Terms of the time do not carry with them the cultural, aesthetic, and political connotations found in "lesbian" and "gay" today.

Sociologist Michael S. Kimmel correlates the increased urbanization of England in the 17th and early 18th centuries with a rising fear of homosexuality, the feminization of men in a city environment, and the perception of the city as a center of vice and sexual deviance. The degree to which the sexism, misogyny, gender confusion and transvestism found in Love Letters is indicative of the sexual underworld of the time and place remains historic speculation. Even so, Kimmel points out, the author - suspected by today's scholars to have been a hack writer working for

fast money -- "could hardly have invented what was not at least believed by the reading public." However distorted a report of the behavior of Beau Wilson and his nobleman partner, Love Letters documents a cultural perspective in early 18th century England.

The availability of Love Letters has been minimal; less than a dozen early copies are known to exist. This publication, with its valuable input from leading scholars (David Greenberg and Randolph Trumbach, in addition to Kimmel and Rousseau,) now makes rare work available to everyone interested in the representation of homosexuality at a time when the 17th century social stereotype of the virile libertine having his way with and taking pleasure from both sexes was being supplanted by the 18th century bundling of effeminacy, cross-dressing and exclusive homosexuality.▼

Virginia has traveled to P-town to take a vacation apart from her lover Emily. Ginny has only gone to look not to touch, but has found the fellow residents of Lavender House bed and breakfast have joined in group lust over an investigative journalist who is the guest of the owner. The residents take in the sights and put their sights on Joan currying her attention until the morning that Ginny finds Joan's body and suddenly the b and b is filled with suspects.

Nikki Baker paints the story of women on vacation with a light brush that intricately details the locations and the personalities. The sub-story of Ginny's encounter with a curly headed mechanic from New York is the substance of what makes a vacation without your lover an alluring fantasy. The main story of solving the murder is what makes Baker shine as an excellent mystery writer.

A must read.▼

THE LAVENDER HOUSE MURDER

Reviewed by Elisabeth Pyle
of MGW STAFF

The Lavender House Murder
Nikki Baker, Naiad Press, 1992,
202 pages, \$9.95 paperback

The next selection in the summer reading series for getting away from it all novels is an offering by Nikki Baker, who is rapidly becoming one of my favorite mystery writers with her heroine Virginia Kelly. This one is set in Provincetown, the lesbian haven on the other coast. Bars, beaches and bed and breakfasts, a sensual delight and home of many brief encounters; in this novel P-town is the stage on which a murder occurs and the question of was it a new or old lover or a homophobic act is to be answered.



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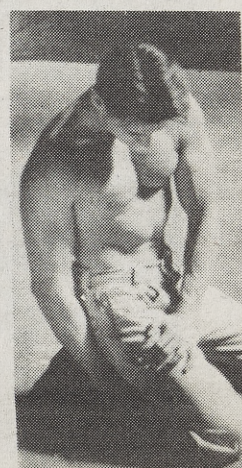
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SWF: Simply Wretched Film

Reviewed By Tim Kelleher
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SINGLE WHITE FEMALE Columbia Pictures

Imagine agreeing to share your Manhattan apartment with a person you just met, whose background is suspicious, and just after you've ended the most meaningful relationship in your life. Add to that the fact that your new roommate never seems to go to work, has a closet full of clothes that look just like yours, and who is a little less obsequious than a third floor maid.

If that isn't enough, toss in the emotionally chilling components of job insecurity, urban stress, and shock of finding out your new "friend" has undergone a cosmetic make-over and looks exactly like you. What'd ya get? A film with as much lasting power as a page full of personals from your local newspaper.

Aside from the cinematography and the solid acting skills of Jennifer Jason Leigh and Bridget Fonda, viewing this film was tor-

turous at best. The most powerful emotion I felt was anger.

Anger at the dialogue, the editing, the pacing, the music, the cheap (ok, somewhat innovative in interpretation, at times) scare tactics. Angered further by the stupid sexist, anti-male, pro-feminist, super women mentality of the concept, the language, and the imagery.

The themes of strong female bonding, sexual anxiety, modern relationships eroded by fear and abuse are missed entirely. Instead, a poorly constructed story line is excused by even weaker character development and near-meaningful rhetoric.

Where the subtle and freaky signals between two women suggest frustrated sexual identity, the director instead gives us safe and vapid chatter. Where extraordinary situations could be revealed from a more gripping interpersonal perspective, the director instead dwells on plot hardware.

In all, your greatest fears about cohabitating with a psychopathic

killer are featured in this film. It builds ok, drags a little. Were they really maybe lesbians? Could she really afford that apartment in the first place? She was scary, huh! Yeah, and he was cute, too. Like so many others. Entertaining while remaining just as puerile and simple-minded as we've come to expect from Hollywood these days.

In spite of the above, my attention was captured. I stopped hearing the ladies behind me giggling, and actually felt sympathetic towards what I was watching. It moves along, dropping subtle hints about what's coming, and suspends your sense time to a twitching, nervous shriek.

With lots of clever, if overused, visual and verbal pratfalls to break the tension. Whew! The camera work is powerful and well complimented by suspenseful lighting. All very reminiscent of earlier genre films. Strong visual studies happen that suggest the continuous-take filming techniques of earlier masters.

If for no other reason it's deserves to be rented and viewed "S.A." (sans audio) for full appreciation. But don't deny yourself the good time of being scared in front of the big screen. Just don't have too high expectations either. After all, if Buffy can slay vampires, certainly a SWF can manage a psycho any day. ▼

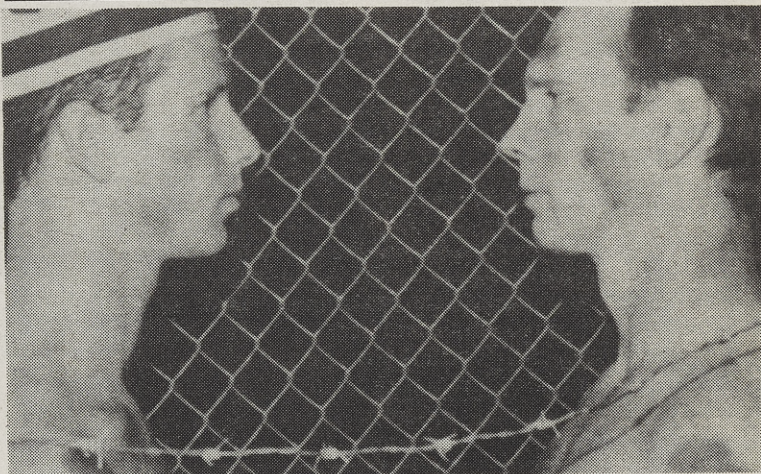
"Hollywood In The Hills" Set

The El Dorado Women's Center will host a rendition of "HOLLYWOOD IN THE HILLS" — the Center's ninth annual benefit auction — on Saturday, November 7. This year's fundraising auction party will focus on an awards night theme.

The owners of Rescue Catering and Schanel's Snooty Frog have agreed to coordinate food service and are lining up caterers. The new Que Pasa Cantina in El Dorado Hills will be participating along with Extravagancie and The Cellar.

Local wineries are donating some of their finest wines which will be served throughout the evening. Apple juice from Apple Hill and Crystal Water will also be available.

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The Real World

The staff of MTV's new show, The Real World, (Thurs., 10:00pm) selected twentysomethings from around the country to live in a Manhattan loft and have their lives filmed. The three women and four men include a singer, a rapper, a painter, a poet, a model and a musician. The format is a combination of cinema verite intercut with talking head commentary. In this ten week series, cameras follow the inhabitants of the loft everywhere. Norman, the painter, is bisexual; he came out in the third episode and on almost every subsequent episode has spoken openly about his sexual orientation. The cameras have followed him to well known gay clubs like Limelight and Roxy. On the July 2 episode Norman went on a date, and part of the following weeks story was devoted to him and his new boyfriend.

The co-executive producer of Real World is openly gay television executive Jonathan Murray. To congratulate MTV and to encourage them to continue their presentation of the real world, write: Bunim-Murray Productions, 2815 W. Olive, Burbank CA 91505; copy to: Office of the President, MTV Networks Inc., 1515 Broadway, New York NY 10036.



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Premier Edition Of Network Q Based In Santa Fe

According to David Surber, President of Network Q, a large part of the monthly gay and lesbian video programming service is dedicated to promoting positive values and pride for the queer lifestyle. As a basis for this philosophy, every month Network Q will be hosted from a different city, each chosen for its strength in the gay community.

"So much about Network Q is about coming out, self-empowerment and pride, we thought Santa Fe, New Mexico would be appropriate for our Premier Edition," says Surber. "The city has a proportionately large gay and lesbian community and a number of prominent people in the gay movement make Santa Fe their home."

Some of Santa Fe's notable queer residents include Rob Eichberg, Jean O'Leary and Lynn Shepodd. Eichberg and O'Leary are cofounders of National Coming Out Day which is on October 11th; Shepodd is its executive director.

"Our Premier Episode will feature interviews with Rob Eichberg and Jean O'Leary," says Surber. "In addition, we're going to show a retrospective of the 1987 march on Washington which inspired National Coming Out Day. The history of the gay movement is very important, and a lot of people simply don't have access to the information."

In addition to past accomplishments of gay activists, Network Q will also highlight current efforts. The Premier Edition will feature coverage of "Live at the Lensic." The event was a variety production with proceeds going to benefit AIDS charities in Santa Fe. Actress Ali McGraw donated her time as mistress of ceremonies and Network Q will air an interview with McGraw concerning her continuing support of the gay community.

Network Q's Santa Fe excursion will give its viewers a look into the city's cultural happenings as well. The show will include visits to art galleries and an interview with New York performance artist, James Lescene. In addition, viewers will enjoy tours of local restaurants and night spots.

"Santa Fe's a great city and a wonderful vacation destination, and the queer community is an integral part of it," says Surber. "That's good for everyone to see."

Network Q will debut in early September. The Premier Episode will also feature comedy, news and short films produced by gay artists. To order, call 1-800-368-0638.▼

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Hopeful Romantic

Reviewed by Nancy Flagg
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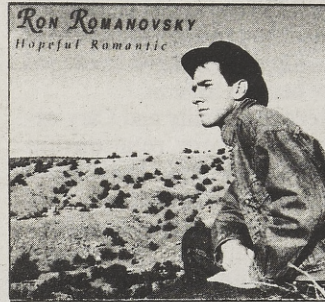
Ron Romanovsky 1992 Fresh Fruit Records Santa Fe, New Mexico Recorded at Fantasy Studios, Berkeley

Ron Romanovsky's first solo effort, apart from the Romanovsky and Phillips duo, has something for everyone.

First, there's a tremendous variety of styles: western/swing, rock, ballads, a polka and show tunes and somehow it all fits together well. Then there's Ron's engaging voice and clever takes on gay romance.

He sings about long distance relationships, "the telephone company loves me/As much as I love you" and about true love "would you let me go shopping with your Mastercard/To prove your love is real". *One For You, One For Me* is a witty and perceptive piece about partners splitting and having to divvy up their friends.

The album was produced by Theresa Trull and is a great package of love and life stories.▼



Ron Romanovsky

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Dear Friends:

The Rainbow Festival approaches, signalling the end of summer, and I find myself waxing nostalgic about my involvement in the Sacramento gay and lesbian community over this past year, with mingled feelings of pride, satisfaction and hope for the future. So many memories and so much emotion: I recall the frustration I felt when Wilson vetoed AB101 and thousands of gays statewide took to the streets in protest; the mixed sensations of sadness, awe and inspiration I experienced as donations poured in for the Tree of Hope, each one accompanied by a memory of someone near and dear who had died of AIDS; the exhilaration and energy of the "Keeping It Up" workshop; and the stimulation of working to stop the spread of HIV, one-on-one, person to person, educating and enlightening, sharing passion and concern, hope and frustration. There is also the unequivocal thrill of watching a place like the Lambda Community Center grow, as new programs develop and new visions emerge, where challenges and adversity are faced head on. One of these new visions is Lambda Youth Services, which now offers a weekly "safe space" for our gay and lesbian youth, as well as movie nights, dances and picnics.

The Center is now more financially secure than a year ago, when rumors of closure flourished, but that security remains in jeopardy. Center expenses in the 1991-92 fiscal year totalled over 250,000 dollars, 57% of which came from county grants which have been reduced for this grant year. Due to state budget cuts, the Center was denied continuation of the grant for our stop smoking program, funding for our AIDS Response Programs was reduced by 20%, and it may not stop there. During upcoming budget hearings, the County may cut funding further.

We need your continued support, not only to preserve the programs which already exist, but to help the Center expand and provide more of the services our community needs. Which is why we have created Lambda Future Fund. Your pledge dollars will enable the Center to continue and grow, no longer heavily dependent on county funds; serving the needs and desires of the lesbian and gay community, out of the shadow of budget axes wielded by insensitive legislators, into the light of Unity and Pride. Picture, if you will, what would happen if each of the 15,000 people at the Freedom Fair had pledged as little as \$10 a month. Truly, glorious days may lie ahead. We need your support

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Legal Protection For Couples, Part 3

Should Gays Seek Marriage?

by Eileen Gillis, Esq.
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In a recent article, Tom Stoddard, executive director of the Lambda Defense and Education Fund, a gay/lesbian rights organization, advocated for legal recognition of same-sex marriage. Stoddard argued that marriage is a fundamental right and is far more than a symbolic status. He contends that lesbians and gay men should access these rights through marriage. He also contends that affording same-sex couples the right to marry would create family stability, through stabilizing the economic status of parties. This would, in turn, negate any argument that the government has a legitimate interest in banning lesbian or gay expression of love.

Yet, many lesbians, gays and legal theorists question whether gay persons should seek entry into marriage. These commentators argue that marriage is an institution based upon many oppressive values. Thus, entrance into marriage would brutalize and undermine the future development and complexity of lesbian relationships and families as marriage was developed from structural, systemic, and ideological principles denoting the oppression of women, ethnic and racial minorities and the poor.

Yet, when two women or two men fall in love and begin to perceive themselves as a couple, they reach out to embrace a structure beyond themselves to define and reinforce their existence, and assist their efforts to be perceived by others as a couple.

For example, Emily and Cary are a lesbian couple. They have lived together for 15 years. They share all expenses and Emily supported the couple for four years while Cary completed her graduate degree in engineering. Now, with only a high school degree, Emily is employed as a secretary and currently earns only a third of Cary's salary. The couple bought a home

together in 1980. Cary was in an automobile accident in 1981 and was hospitalized for a month. Emily was unable to visit her in the beginning, or make medical decisions because she was not "immediate family." This occurred despite the fact that Cary had no contact with her family as they have disowned her for being a lesbian.

Recently, Emily and Cary experienced severe relationship trouble. The couple feels they have become completely alienated from each other and are unable to continue as a family unit. The Partners want to separate, dividing assets, their home, and pension benefits, but both are so emotionally torn by the separation that they are not able to communicate effectively or trust each other. They have no written contract regarding assets or any other aspect of their financial and familial relationship.

When the lesbian or gay couple begins to interact with the legal system they must choose a structure to define their relationship. How do we locate lesbian's and gay males' efforts to reinforce their commitment and gain access to marital rights and benefits within the development of our legal system and our community?

Before doing so, it is necessary to clarify certain terms. The terms lesbian and gay man, as used in these articles, mean a woman or man who primarily directs his or her attentions, intimate or otherwise, to members of the same sex. As Marilyn Fries, a lesbian theorist notes "attention is a kind of passion. When one's attention is on something, one is present in a particular way with respect to that thing."

We must examine law and its relationship to society from the viewpoint of lesbian women or gay men. Legal theory should not assume that a single lesbian and gay community exists. Instead, we should elucidate some principles to view laws from both an individual

and community lesbian and gay perspective. Implicit in this perspective is the assumption that individual lesbian and gay interactions with the legal system not only affect the individuals involved, but have a strong impact on other individual lesbians and gay persons in the community.

Lesbianism and homosexuality are cultures through which we can politically question heterosexual society. In the words of Sarah Hoagland, this effort is undertaken to develop a "new language and new meaning to develop our lesbian (and gay) desire." The lesbian and gay existence must not be erased by our legal institutions, but uncovered and facilitated to find new ways to express and legitimize and further the developing complexity of lesbian and gay lives and family.▼

Lesbian Health Issues

The National Lesbian Health Foundation of the American Association of Physicians for Human Rights (AAPHR) has raised over \$36,000 since they were founded in November of 1991 at the AAPHR Board Meeting. When the target amount of \$50,000 is met, they will award funds for research projects.

Currently the research into lesbians health has been very limited.

Goals for the projects to be funded are to explore and publicize issues related to the poor access by lesbians in the health care system; to document and publicize the rates of cancers, infections and psychophysiological diseases afflicting lesbians; to explore and publicize the health issues of lesbians who parent and lesbian families; to educate and empower lesbians about risk reduction for common infections, cancers, and heart disease; to encourage health care providers and educators to include lesbian health issues in their research and educational agendas.▼

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Training vs. Training

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The following is an example of the typical phone call that I field everyday:

Dog Owner, "I have this problem dog and I am desperate. My other half is ready to make me get rid of him."

Trainer, "Just what is the problem?"

Dog Owner, "Well, he jumps on people, he messes in the house, chews things like the deck, miniblind, and spa cover and worst of all, he won't come when called. We've punished him for all of it, but it is only getting worse. Can you help us?"

Trainer, "Yes, it sounds like he is a real problem. How much training have you done with him?"

Dog Owner, "Oh, we taught him to sit and lie down and we know that he is smart because he does that real well. Oh, and he plays fetch and is really great at that, he always brings it back. We do take him for walks and he walks on the leash, but he does pull a lot so it isn't much fun."

Trainer, "What I asked was has he had any 'formal' training. Have you spent time working with him consistently, doing the heeling, sits and stays either at home or in a formal obedience class?"

Dog Owner, "Well, no, we didn't think we needed to do that because he was so smart and we did teach him to sit, return the ball and lie down."

There is training, and there is TRAINING! Believe it or not, anyone can teach a dog to sit, lie down, fetch the ball and learn to walk on a leash. What we are doing is giving a name to something the dog is already capable of doing and therefore, we get the desired result in a very short time. However, if there is no structure to training, if the schedule is haphazard and inconsistent, then the dog will continue learning but it may not be what you really want him to know.

A dog that chews the furniture, miniblinds, spa covers, shoes, kids

toys, will continue to do so unless you change his environment so that he does not have access to those things. In essences, if we allow the dog to continue a behavior, you are training him to misbehave. On the other hand, there are ways to avoid these problems and the easiest, after making environmental changes, is to take him to an obedience class where you and he will learn how to work together. Structured training exercises serve to establish in the dog's mind that the owner/handler is the pack leader. Once the dog recognizes this simple fact, the idea from respect of people carries over into people's belongings. This, of course, is a bit oversimplified, but at least you get the idea.

Dogs, like children, need an education...schools teach our children one lesson at a time and when they have mastered that, the teacher moves on to the next lesson. At the same time, in the process of the school experience, the student is maturing. Dogs left to their own devices with no training, act like puppies and do puppy things. It is a mistake to shrug off a dog's misbehavior with the idea that it will outgrow the problem. Maybe it will, maybe it won't!

So, once we recognize that pups, regardless of age, need training, the next decision is settling on a trainer. There are as many methods as there are trainers. I advise people to visit various classes and observe the methods used. Would you be comfortable using the techniques on your dog? Good sources for referrals are people who have been to a class, veterinarians, pet shops, groomers. If you see a well behaved dog in your neighborhood, find out who the owner worked with to achieve the desired results.

In many cases, basic obedience will channel the dog's behavior in a new direction. In other cases, if there are serious behavior problems you may need to consult a behaviorist or invest in some private training. Either way, remember that your dog will not become a good citizen without a serious commitment from his owner!

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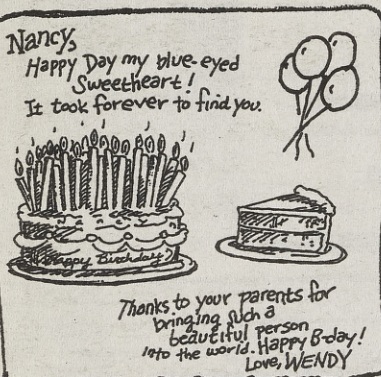


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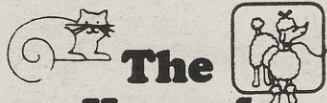
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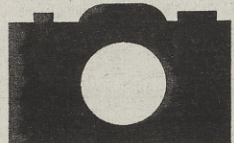
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1 - Tuesday

Theatre Auditions, for *The life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby* with SCAT and A Moving Ensemble 7:30 p.m. Art Court Theatre 447-8859 for info.

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support Group 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

California State Fair Featuring the music of the CRESTS. Cal Expo 924-2000

Little Feet in Concert 7:30 pm. Radisson Hotel Bass

2 - Wednesday

Theatre Auditions, see 9/1

California State Fair 30th Anniversary of Rock & Roll. Cal Expo 924-2000

3 - Thursday

GLAAD/SFBA, 514 Castro #B, S.F., 7pm, 415-861-4588.

California State Fair Cal Expo 924-2000

13th Annual West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival, near Yosemite, thru Sep. 7, W.C.W.M.F., 15842 Chase St., North Hills, 91343, 818-893-4075.

4 - Friday

Summer SAMMIES Concert, Buddy Tokes and Hiro, Free, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

Greek Food Festival Ethnic food, entertainment and displays. CCC, 14th & Jsts 443-2033

Zia Regional Rodeo Albuquerque, NM, thru Sept. 6

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Chalk Artist's Workshop 5:30 to 8:30 pm Faces, 20th & K sts

5 - Saturday

Lost Sight, a multi media installation, lecture and reception, Free, 5 p.m. IDEA, 3414 4th Ave, 452-0949

Greek Food Festival Ethnic food, entertainment and displays. CCC, 14th & Jsts 443-2033

Renaissance Pleasure Faire Harvest Traditions Weekend Novato 1-800-52-FAIRE.

Chalk It Up To Sacramento Benefit for Galeria Posada featuring sidewalk paintings, food and craft vendors, and music. 9 am to 5 pm, 704 O St, 446-5133.

California State Fair Black Culture Day Cal Expo 924-2000

Betsy Rose an evening of music celebrating the power of healing and recovery. 8 pm \$12 IMA Cultural Center. Bodega 707-876-3004.

Artist Reception Lost Sight, Artists Jean Gallagher and Jim Lewis 6 - 8 pm, IDEA Gallery, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

6 - Sunday

League Softball, 21st & C St., 12pm.

"Dreams: Toward the Next Rainbow", S.F. Civic SAuditorium, 7:30pm, 415-621-6557.

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Artists Reception Carol Attos, Suzan Goodban and Barbara Milman. 1 - 4 pm Shenandoah Gallery, Plymouth 209-245-4455

Rainbow Festival Street Fair, 10 am - 5 pm, 20th & K sts.

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Booking Basics with Jodi Sager 1 - 3 pm \$25 IMA Cultural Center. Bodega 707-876-3004.

7 - Monday

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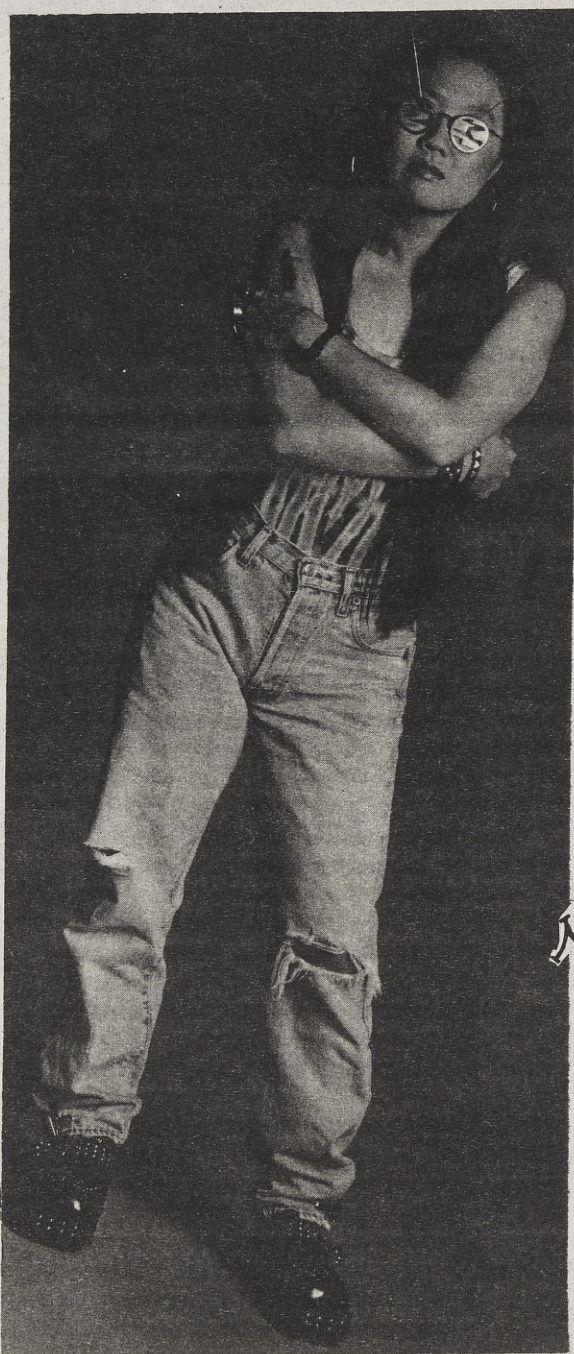
8 - Tuesday

Heart to Heart HIV+ Support Group 6:30 - 8 pm. SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

S.A.G.A. Skate Party, King's Skate Country, 50 & Bradshaw, 8:30pm, 455-0986.

8 - Tuesday

AIDS Lecture Does HIV Cause AIDS? By Brian Ellison. 7:30 pm Free, SMUD Auditorium, 6201 S ST Doug, 457-9138



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Gallery Open House Exhibition of visual art. Lite Rail Gallery, 11 am - 7 pm. 922 12th St, 443-1013.

Camping Women Reno Balloon Races 361-8668

Coming of Age Conference Discussion of teenage sexuality and orientation. 9 - 4 pm. \$45 UC Med Cen, Ricardo 752-8676, Deborah, 444-3016

13 - Sunday

Renaissance Pleasure Faire Feast & Frolic Weekend and Elizabethan Cooking Competition Novato 1-800-52-FAIRE.

League Softball Championship, 21st & C St., 12pm.

Autumn Collectors' Faire Antiques, collectibles and refreshments 7 am - 4 pm, Old Sacramento, 443-8653

Evolving Times Expo CCC 10am - 6 pm 13th & J sts 264-5181

14 - Monday

Nutrition and Your Health with Patty Paddock, MPH and Carol Redard RDPHD. Nutrition and fighting off illness. Co-sponsored by SAF and CARES 7 - 9 pm SAF, 920 20th, 2nd Floor. 448-2437

Common Sense Dog Training, beginning, intermediate. Johnson Springview Park, Rocklin. Joan Guertin 485-2201

15 - Tuesday

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16 - Wednesday

Business Alliance of Networking Gays, 7 pm Andiamo Restaurant, 3145 Folsom Blvd.

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The MENS Session Meeting Erotic Needs Safely 7 - 9 pm SAF, 920 20th St. 448-2437

Affirmative Action Day Luncheon celebration featuring cultural displays, speakers and resource fair. 10:00 to 2 pm, Gazebo Lawn, UCD Medical Ctr. 2315 Stockton Blvd

17 - Wednesday

Human Rights Awards, with Keynote speaker Dick Cable for the Human Rights/Fair Housing Commission, 6 p.m. \$25 Barbara Lehman, 444-6903 ext. 132 for tickets.

18 - Friday

Summer SAMMIES Concert, Pope Alopes and Cake. Free, 5 - 7:30 p.m. Plaza Park, 9th and J Streets.

US National Handcar Races 4:30 pm, Old Sacramento, 445-7387

SACWN Pam Walton presents her new movie "Gay Youth" Clarion Hotel. Linda 486-8985.

Miniature Golf at the Mine Shaft GSAC, Greater Sacramento Couples a gay couples group. 422-5049.

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California's Original Theater Co., Madame Mao Sept. 4 thru Sept. 20. 922 12th St., Box 188471, 95818, 442-2399.

Chautauque Playhouse, 5325 Engle Rd., Cam., 489-7529. "Rumors", Sep. 4-Oct 11; "Other People's Money", Oct. 23-Nov. 29.

Delta King Theater, 1000 Front St., Old SAC, 444-KING.

Elk Grove Theater Co., P.O. Box 2144, Elk Grove, 95759, 441-8447. "Much Ado About Nothing", Aug. 14-29.

The Piper Playhouse, Drytown, 415-592-2520. "Bad Day at Dry Creek," thru Sep. 5.

Foothill Theater Co., Box 1812, Nevada City, 95959.

Theater Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 415-861-5079. "One of These Days...", Jul. 30-Aug. 22; "Bent", Sep. 10-Oct. 17; "A Queer Look (at the holidays)", Nov. 12-Dec. 19.

Idea Gallery Theater, 3414 4th Ave., 447-6209.

Lambda Community Center, 1931 L St., 442-0185, "Spare Parts", Oct. 2-24.

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SAC City Actors Theater, 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228.

Sacramento Theater Co., 1419 H St., 443-6722. "The Immigrant: A Hamilton County Album", Sep. 18-Nov. 22; "The Heidi Chronicles", Oct. 2-25; "A Christmas Carol", Nov. 27-Dec. 24.

The Show Below, 22nd & L St., 446-2787. "Shirley Valentine", Sep. 11-Oct. 17; "Equus", Nov. 13-Dec. 19.

Music Circus, 1419 H St., 557-1999. "Cabaret", August 17-23.

Mondays 6:30 p.m., River City MCC Church - Channel 17
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GALLERIES

Archival Framing Gallery, 1729 L St., 444-9624. "Behind the Blue Door" Works by Gay Leonard. Thru Sep. 25

Crocker Art Museum, 3rd & O St., 264-5423. Landmarks of Early California Painting, thru Sep. 27; Early 20th Century California Painting, thru Oct.; Nancy and Alan Gerbauff: Coup De Grace, Aug 7 - Sep 20.

Himovitz-Miller Gallery, 550 Pavilions Ln., 925-5917. "Stepping into the Season," Sep. 8-Oct. 3.

Joyce Abreu Gallery, 3712 Auburn Blvd., 488-1211. Wildlife Art by Lesley Harrison, new works by Don Hatfield, Native American Images by Richard Luce. Starts Sept. 19, Works of Michael Schofield, Max Hayslette, Chris Anderson.

Lite Rail Gallery The Lite Rail National, a screened exhibition of visual art. Thru Sep. 26. 922 12th St 441-1013.

Matrix Gallery, Fine Crafts at Matri 9217251 St., 95814, 441-4818. I

John Natsoulas Gallery, 140 F St., Davis, 756-3938. All Creatures Great and Small benefit for Yolo Co. SPCA Aug 8 - Sep 20.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, 1020 10th, 448-8723. Julia Couzens, Judi Keen, Don Satterlee, Sep. 9-Oct. 3.

Paragary's, 28th & N Sts. Raku and Clay works by James Sedlar and Valentino Fernandez. Thru Aug. 21

SAC Valley Photographic Art Center, 702 5th St., 95819.

Spectrum/Himovitz Gallery, 511 Harrison, S.F., 415-495-1113.

IDEA Gallery Lost Sight a multi media presentation by Jean Gallagher and Jim Lewis. Sept 5 to Oct 17, 3414 4th Ave 452-0949

The Shenandoah Gallery, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, CA, 209-245-4455. Carol Attos, Suzan Goodban, Barbara Milman, Sep. 6 - Oct. 28.

Viewpoint Gallery, 70257th St., 95817, 451-3063. "Viewpoint", Aug. 10-Sep. 4.

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